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In this photo released by the Israeli Defense Ministry, released Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, reunites with his father Noam, right at the Tel Nof Air base in southern Israel, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011. Looking thin, weary and dazed, Schalit returned home Tuesday from more than five years of captivity in the Gaza Strip in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners whose joyful families greeted them with massive celebrations. (AP Photo/ Defense Ministry)

ETHAN BRONNER

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JERUSALEM — Just off the bus in Gaza after six years in an Israeli prison, one of hundreds traded to Hamas for an Israeli soldier, Wafa al-Bass declared her next goal: abduct more Israeli soldiers. Others who returned said they could not feel satisfaction until the thousands of remaining Palestinian prisoners were freed.

And Israelis, at first thrilled at the sight of their liberated soldier, were angered by how he looked — frail, wan and underfed.

It was a day when many things went right. Promises were kept, an agreement between sworn enemies was implemented, people wept with joy. The military chief of Hamas, Ahmed al-Jabari, one of the most wanted and despised men in Israel, was seen on television leading the freed Israeli, Sgt. 1st Class Gilad Schalit, from Gaza to liberty.

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Raising Cain



Republican contenders attacked upstart Cain's economic plan

Republican presidential candidate businessman Herman Cain waves to the crowd before a Republican presidential debate Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, in Las Vegas.

(AP Photo/Isaac Brekken)

Plot to kill Saudi will isolate Iran



In this photo released by an official website of the Iranian supreme leader's office, Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, delivers a speech, at a gathering during his tour to the western province of Kermanshah, Iran, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

(AP Photo/Office of the Supreme Leader)

MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An al-

leged Iranian plot to hire Mexican drug cartel killers to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States on American soil "crosses a line" in Iran's state sponsorship of terrorism and will further isolate the Islamic republic, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday. "This really, in the minds of many diplomats and government officials, crosses a line that Iran needs to be held to account for," Clinton told The Associated Press in an interview. She said the plot — it allegedly involved Iranian government agents trying to contract a Mexican cartel to

kill Saudi Ambassador Adel Al-Jubeir — was stranger than fiction. "The idea that they would attempt to go to a Mexican drug cartel to solicit murder-for-hire to kill the Saudi ambassador, nobody could make that up, right?" she said in a nearly hour-long, wide-ranging interview with AP reporters and editors. Speaking shortly after the Justice Department announced the uncovering of the alleged plot, Clinton said the scheme "creates a potential for international reaction that will further isolate Iran, that will raise questions about what they're up to, not only in the United States and Mexico." □

Republican contenders attacked upstart Cain's economic plan

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Republican presidential contenders attacked upstart Herman Cain's economic plan forcefully as a tax increase waiting to happen Tuesday night, moving swiftly in campaign debate to blunt the former businessman's unlikely rise in the race for the party's nomination. Yet old animosities flared anew, as well, as former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Texas Gov. Rick Perry swapped criticism in unusually personal and biting terms. "You have a problem with allowing someone to finish speaking," Romney declared as the two men interrupted one another repeatedly in a clash over immigration. In on a bow to Nevada voters, none of the contenders said he wanted to open a proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The fifth debate in six weeks ranged over familiar contentious territory — from



Republican presidential candidates former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, right, points at businessman Herman Cain during a Republican presidential debate Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, in Las Vegas.

(AP Photo/Chris Carlson)

immigration and health care to the economy and energy, often in antagonistic terms. The candidates engaged each other more directly and sometimes more heatedly than in previous debates.

But Cain's unlikely rise from asterisk in the polls to con-

tender was clearly on the minds of his rivals on stage in a hotel along the Las Vegas Strip. Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota led the verbal assault moments after the debate began, saying his call for a 9 percent federal sales tax would only be the be-

ginning, with the rate rising later. Former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania wasn't nearly as gentle, citing one analysis that found that taxes would go up for 84 percent of the nation's households if Cain's proposal went into effect. "We're talking about major increases in taxes," he said, adding that a single person and a couple with children with the same income would pay the same tax under Cain's proposal. Undeterred, Cain insisted the charges were untrue. He said he was being criticized because lobbyists, accountants and others "want to continue to be able to manipulate the American people with a 10-million-word mess," the current tax code. Cain's proposal is for a 9 percent personal income tax, a 9 percent corporate tax and a 9 percent national sales tax. The former pizza company CEO is the

latest and unlikely phenomenon in the race to pick a rival for President Barack Obama. A black man in a party that draws few votes from Africans Americans, he had bumped along with little notice as Romney sought to fend off one fast-rising rival after another. That all changed in the past few weeks, after Perry burst into the race and then fell back in the polls. However unlikely Cain's rise, Tuesday night's debate made clear that none of his rivals are willing to let him go unchallenged. "Herman, I love you, brother, but let me tell you something, you don't need to have a big analysis to figure this thing out," Perry said to Cain. "Go to New Hampshire where they don't have a sales tax and they don't have any interest in one," he said, referring to the state that will hold the first primary early next year. □

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Warren's fighting words in race draw return GOP fire

ABBY GOODNOUGH

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BOSTON — In her nascent Senate campaign, Elizabeth Warren has captivated the national Democratic base with her scrappy populist rhetoric, most notably in a viral YouTube video in which she exhorts wealthy business owners to pay their fair share of taxes on the grounds that "there is nobody in this country who got rich on his own."

Those fighting words have unquestionably helped Warren, a Harvard law professor who set up the Obama administration's new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, become a formidable candidate in a matter of weeks. She raised \$3.15 million in August and September, much of it from national liberal groups that have criticized President Barack Obama for conceding too much to Republicans in Congress. That beat Sen. Scott P. Brown's third-quarter take of \$1.55 million, although Brown, a Republican, has more than \$10 million in his war chest. Whether Warren's combativeness will appeal beyond her party's liberal base and resonate with the many independent voters whose support she needs to defeat Brown remains to be seen. Republicans are already seeking to use it against her and are accusing her of class warfare, in



Elizabeth Warren, a Democratic Senate candidate, speaks to customers at Red's Kitchen and Tavern in Salem, Mass., Oct. 13, 2011. Warren raised \$3.15 million in August and September, much of it from national liberal groups that have criticized President Barack Obama for conceding too much to Republicans in Congress, beating the \$1.55 million third-quarter take of Senator Scott Brown, the Republican incumbent.

(Evan McGlinn/The New York Times)

what will surely be a dominant theme of the race. In a new Web video, the Massachusetts Republican Party calls Warren "too divisive," with clips of her discussing how she has "thrown rocks at people that I think are in the wrong."

"Who does Elizabeth Warren find in the wrong?" the video asks as Warren shakes her fist in the background. "Employers, business people, risk takers, job creators. You."

(There is also a spoof campaign ad on the Web in

which an actress playing Warren calls for "a focus on retribution" and promises

to push for legislation "that gives every American a revenge voucher.")

Woman in basement case investigated in US

MARYCLAIRE PATRICK WALTERS
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A lack of accountability and follow-through by police and government agencies may have contributed to the plight of four mentally disabled adults authorities say were locked in a basement while a convicted murderer stole their government pen-

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sion checks. Police in Philadelphia and Florida missed opportunities to help one or more of the victims while the woman charged with orchestrating the scheme was legally disqualified from cashing the victims' government disability checks because of her criminal past. Linda Ann Weston, 51, was charged Monday with kid-

Since winning a special election in 2010 for the Senate seat that Edward M. Kennedy held for 47 years — a victory that shocked Democrats who assumed that they would keep the seat — Brown has portrayed himself as a conciliator who hews to the middle. He seems to be betting that Massachusetts voters, especially the independents who heavily supported him in 2010, will prefer his affability to Warren's ire.

"The people of Massachusetts like Scott Brown because he's a bipartisan problem solver," said Tim Buckley, a spokesman for the state's Republican Party. "He's not an ideological flame-thrower like I think some of Liz Warren's statements might make her out to appear."

He emphasized that the party's new video was "all in Professor Warren's words," adding, "She risks alienating voters of all stripes." □

napping, false imprisonment and other offenses after her landlord stumbled on the four adults, all weak and malnourished, in a dank, foul-smelling boiler room on Saturday. Her bail was set at \$2.5 million.

Also charged were Gregory Thomas, 47, whom Weston described as her boyfriend, and Eddie "the Rev. Ed" Wright, 50. □



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Occupy Wall Street protest lacks anthem

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"Every successful movement has a soundtrack," the songwriter Tom Morello told reporters after he had tried to fire up the crowd at the Occupy Wall Street Protest last week with a Woody Guthrie tune and one of his own labor songs.

Perhaps he is right, but the protesters in Zuccotti Park in New York have yet to find an anthem. Neither is the rest of the country humming songs about hard times. So far, musicians living through the biggest economic disaster since the Great Depression have filled the airwaves with songs about dancing, not the worries of working people.

Where have all the protest songs gone?

To be sure, a handful of songwriters are tackling the issue. Ry Cooder, the blues and rock guitarist known for his exploration of roots music, lambastes bankers and conservatives in his latest album, "Pull Up Some Dust and Sit Down" (Nonesuch). Similarly, Morello, who began his career as the guitarist and chief ideologue for the band Rage Against the Machine, makes an unapologetic call for leftist revolution in his new album, "World Wide Rebel Songs" (New West Records).

On Tuesday, Everlast, a Los Angeles songwriter who mixes rap and country blues, released an album, "Songs of the Ungrateful Living" (Martyr/EMI), with the song "I Get By," a brooding meditation on the problems of the working-class

people facing unemployment and foreclosures in today's economy. "I voted for change and it's kind of strange/now it's all I got in my pocket," he sings on the track. These recent releases add to a trickle of politically charged songs since the banking crisis precipitated the economic downturn. In 2009 Justin Sane of the punk band Anti-Flag wrote "The Economy Is Suffering, Let it Die," a scathing indictment of the bank bailout. The following year, the soul singer Aloe Blacc captured the heartbreak of unemployment in his single "I Need a Dollar."

Yet none of these songs have been big hits, and none is likely to have the impact that a song like Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" had in the early 1960s.

The scarcity of songs about the economic disaster stands in contrast to the flurry of pop songs in the mid-2000s blaming President George W. Bush's foreign policy for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Anti-war songs came not only from stalwarts like REM and Neil Young but also from younger performers like Green Day, Bright Eyes and Pink.

"What I have noticed is that the financial crisis has been a far more difficult topic for songwriters to wrestle with," Dorian Lynskey, the British critic and the author of "33 Revolutions Per Minute" (Ecco/HarperCollins), a recently published history of protest music. "What do you say about a financial crisis where the villains are

obscure and the solutions are obscure. That's a challenge." Lynskey and other experts said that leftist protest music tends to die down when a Democrat is in the White House.

"A Darth Vader-like president makes a great target," Morello said. "One of the reasons the air has gone out of the balloon of protest-song writing is people hung their hopes on the Obama administration."

Alexander Shashko, who teaches a music history course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said that protest songs historically derive power from the social or political movements that adopt them and that the main political movement to rise from the economic crash has been the Tea Party, the conser-



Tom Morello, who began his career as the guitarist and chief ideologue for the band Rage Against the Machine, performs for the Occupy Wall Street protesters in Zuccotti Park, New York. The scarcity of songs about the economic disaster stands in contrast to the flurry of pop songs in the mid-2000s, but a handful of songwriters are tackling the issue.

(Ozier Muhammad/The New York Times)

vative anti-tax group. It has attracted the support of the country artist Hank Williams Jr., who put out a song in 2009 about Obama's election that stated flatly: "I'll keep the U.S.A., and y'all can keep the change." □

Revealed: the 'hipsters' police officer among the protesters

COREY KILGANNON
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NEW YORK — There are many unknowns about the Occupy Wall Street protest in downtown Manhattan: Where is the next march? Who are its leaders? What do they really want? When will it end? But an even bigger question, perhaps, has emerged: Who is the Hipster Cop?

The questions keep popping up about the nattily dressed plainclothes officer who has become a fixture at the protest camp at Zuccotti Park. □



Rick Lee, center, a community affairs detective in the First Precinct, talks to Occupy Wall Street demonstrators at Zuccotti Park, in New York. Detective Lee has been one of the department's main liaisons with the protesters conveying departmental and community concerns and trying to get information about the protesters' plans.

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U.S. economic outlook follows home prices downhill

BINYAMIN APPELBAUM

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Ernest Markey lost his stone-cutting business in 2009. He then sold his home for half a million dollars less than its value at the peak of the housing bubble and moved with his wife, Marie, to a smaller home in a less affluent suburb. They gave up two new cars and bought one. Used. The Markeys have since patched together a semblance of their old life, opening a new stone-cutting shop. But they do not expect that they will ever recover financially from the loss of equity in their old home. "For two years I kept thinking that things would get better," Markey, 51, said as he stood in his empty store on a recent weekday. "Now I think the future doesn't look so good."

The United States has a confidence problem: A nation long defined by irrational exuberance has turned gloomy about tomorrow. Consumers are holding back, businesses are suf-



Ernest, center, and Marie Markey, right, at their stone-cutting shop in Orlando, Fla. The Markeys lost their original cutting business in 2009 and opened the smaller shop, but they don't expect to ever recover financially.

(Gregg Matthews/The New York Times)

fering and the economy is barely growing. There are good reasons for gloom — incomes have declined, many people cannot find jobs, few trust the government to make things

better — but as the Federal Reserve chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, noted earlier this year, those problems are not sufficient to explain the depth of the funk. That has led a growing

number of economists to argue that the collapse of housing prices, a defining feature of this downturn, is also a critical and underappreciated impediment to recovery. Americans have lost a vast amount of wealth, and they have lost faith in housing as an investment. They lack money, and they lack the confidence that they will have more money tomorrow.

Many believe that the bust has permanently changed their financial trajectory. "People don't expect their home to regain value, and that's really led to a change in consumer attitudes about the economy that we've just never seen before," said Richard Curtin, a professor of economics at the University of Michigan who directs its Survey of Consumers. □

The purple drank conspiracy made millions for suspects

DANE SCHILLER

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Federal authorities have cracked a ring they contend banked at least \$10 million and used its own renegade pharmacies to buy 97,000 pints of prescription strength cough syrup and smuggle them from California to Houston to make a deadly potion wildly popular in the hip-hop world. The syrup used to make "Purple Drank" goes for a whopping \$300 to \$600 a pint on the streets in Houston, and was enough to provide as at least 1.5

million doses, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. "This is a big case, but I wish it was the only one," said Sarah Pullen, a spokeswoman for the DEA in Los Angeles. "It would definitely supply a lot of people." The person portrayed as the ring leader is Lucita Uy, a 70-year-old grandmother, originally from the Philippines, who a decade ago served 20 months in federal prison for money laundering. The syrup stockpile allegedly allowed its sellers to make millions of dollars and

purchase luxury cars, Rolex watches and numerous commercial and residential properties in California and Texas. In the Houston area, the properties included commercial buildings on Alameda, a large home in the walled Royal Oaks Country Club community and a few other sites. The money moved between major banks and car dealers as well as real estate companies, pharmacies and other businesses, according to accusations in a federal indictment. □

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Protests are a payday for security firms

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They call when they make the Forbes 400 list. They call when annual hedge fund rankings appear, when their names are mentioned on CNBC and when their children travel abroad. And, these days, they call when protesters camped in Lower Manhattan grow uncomfortable with the idea of their existence.

The ultra-rich bankers, hedge fund managers and private equity executives of New York City have long enlisted private security firms to help safeguard them and their wealth. But as the mood on Main Street turns increasingly hostile, New York's financial titans are cranking their security measures up to 11. For the high-end security firms that provide the moneyed elite with specialty services like around-the-clock bodyguards and elaborate home security systems, Occupy Wall Street has been a stimulus package all its own.

"We expect to more than double our revenue in New York this year," said Paul M. Viollis, a co-founder of Risk Control Strategies, a firm that protects some of the top executives on Wall Street.

Another company, Insite Security, has gotten dozens of calls since the protests began and expects to increase its revenue at least 40 percent this year, according to Christopher Falkenberg, its chief executive. (In accordance with the industry's code of secrecy, none of the security experts interviewed for this article provided client names.)

Executive protection, as the guard-the-rich industry

is known, got an initial jolt from the financial crisis of 2008. Lloyd C. Blankfein, the chief executive of Goldman Sachs, got permission from a local review board to build a 6-foot-high secu-

week, when protesters picketed the homes of some of Manhattan's richest residents, they made a stop at Paulson's mansion, as well as the homes of Jamie Dimon, the chief executive

head on a stake.

Scenes like these are causing executives to supplement their internal security teams with the services of outside specialty firms. A chief financial officer of a

and now I'm going to fill mine, starting with your family," the email said, according to Viollis. The firm quickly dispatched a pair of guards to the client's house.

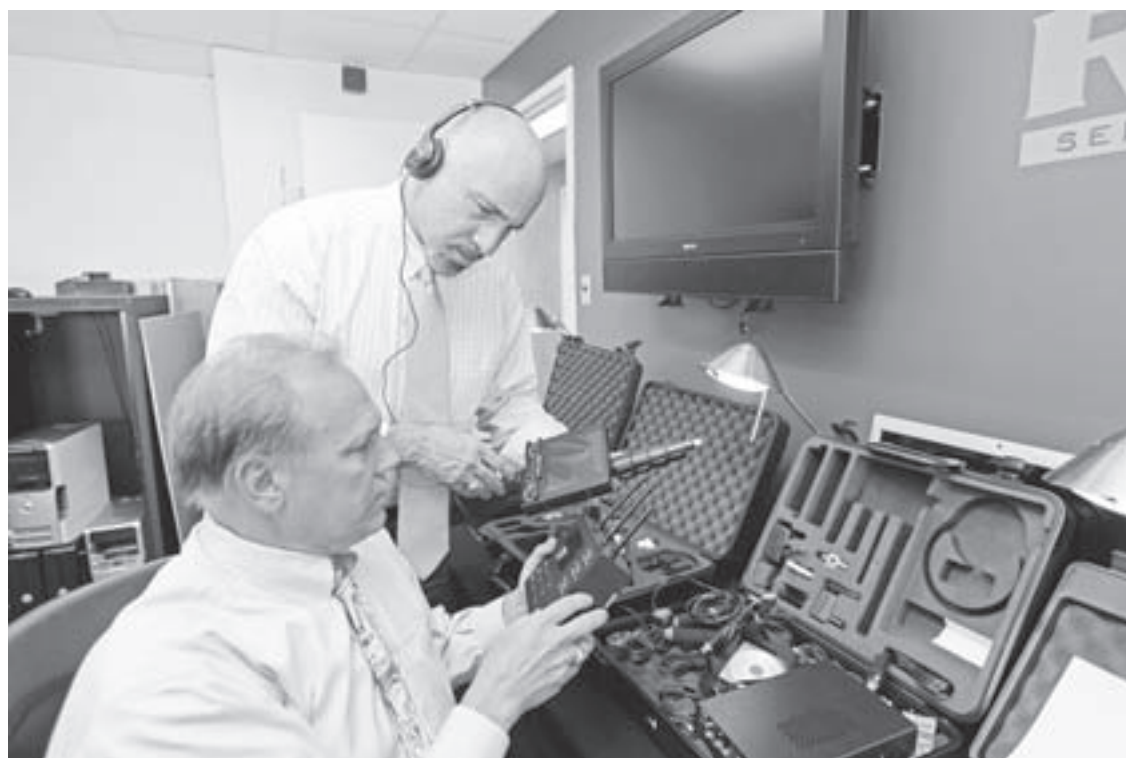
Another client, a C-suite executive at a large Wall Street firm, recently asked Viollis to send undercover agents to Zuccotti Park to find out if the protesters were planning to harm him or his colleagues. (Viollis said he would probably decline the request.)

But as versions of Occupy Wall Street fan out across the country, even executives who aren't recognizable to the general public are worried.

"If Zuccotti Park is tapping into resentment against wealthy people, that really changes the calculus," said Falkenberg, a former Secret Service agent. "It's not that far of a connection between what's happening now in that park and a more focused, research-based kind of attack."

Viollis, a goateed bruiser who spent eight years in Manhattan's district attorney's office, put it more bluntly: "We are due for someone getting shot."

The executive protection industry has existed as long as there have been executives, but it got a boost in 2003, when Edward S. Lampert, a Greenwich hedge fund manager, was kidnapped by four men on his way to his car. The men, who had found Lampert on a website listing the richest men in Connecticut, stuffed the billionaire into a Ford Expedition at gunpoint, took him to a motel and tied him up in the bathtub. (Lampert survived the incident, and his kidnapers were caught and sentenced to prison time.)



Paul Viollis, top, a co-founder of the security firm Risk Control Strategies, and Donald Ackerman, a vice president, handle wiretap detection devices at their offices in New York, Oct. 12, 2011. Since the financial crisis, more executives are turning to private firms for security.

(Marilynn K. Yee/The New York Times)

rity gate outside his Hamptons house in April 2008, the month after Bear Stearns collapsed. Lehman Brothers, another crisis casualty, had a bomb-sniffing Labrador retriever named Bella stationed at its headquarters. And in 2010, when the activist group the Yes Men encouraged its supporters to perform citizens' arrests on John A. Paulson, the billionaire hedge fund manager, Paulson's firm hired additional security guards to combat the threat, according to a person with knowledge of the decision. A spokesman for Paulson declined to comment.

But the most recent round of Main Street rage has raised the risk factor. Last



Jan Culley in the command center at the security firm, T. & M. Protection, in New York, Oct. 14, 2011.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

of JPMorgan Chase, and Steven A. Schwarzman, the billionaire co-founder of the Blackstone Group. One sign carried by protesters depicted Blankfein's severed

major bank recently called Risk Control Strategies with the news that he had received a menacing email from an anonymous sender. "You filled your pockets,

GOP freshman's fiscal message clashes with his finances

WASHINGTON — There is Rep. Joe Walsh, a freshman from Illinois, deriding his colleagues once again for their poor stewardship of the economy. During the debt ceiling debate, Walsh took to the airwaves to call President Barack Obama a liar for suggesting that the nation might default. Just the other day, Walsh held court at a Tea Party rally, complaining that Republican leaders in Congress had "been there too long" to understand how best to deal with the nation's daunting fiscal issues. Among the 87 Republican House freshmen, Walsh is perhaps the most visible when it comes to televised economic exposition, refracted through the lens of the Tea Party that helped him eke out a win last year in a suburban Chicago district.

Although his district is among the least conservative of any won by a Republican, Walsh has among the most conservative voting records: He was one of 22 Republicans to vote against the debt-ceiling agreement last summer and among the 24 Republicans to reject a short-term spending agreement passed in September, arguing that its cuts were not deep enough. But Walsh's own finances are not quite in step with the tight-ship budgeting he calls for in Washington. According to a lawsuit filed by his ex-wife, he owes more than \$100,000 in child support, an accusation he denies. There have been other financial setbacks. Walsh lost a condominium to foreclosure before he ran for office. He has had a run-in with the Internal Revenue Service. He has no savings accounts, no investment accounts and has \$3,000 in his only IRA, according to court documents filed by his lawyer last week. He missed a filing deadline for his personal financial disclosures and his campaign was sent a cautionary letter by the Federal Election Commission for failing to

include some campaign debts in its quarterly reports, later amended. His driver's license has been suspended twice, in 2008 for failing to show up for a court appearance, and this year, when he did not pay

to reflect his belief that the Tea Party support that swept him into office by roughly 300 votes will keep him there despite his own financial problems. "What we need to do is elect fighters in every single



Rep. Joe Walsh (R-Ill.) addresses questions from local media after speaking at TeaCon 2011 in Schaumburg, Ill. Walsh, an outspoken Tea Party member, who has criticized his colleagues for their poor stewardship of the economy, is accused by his ex-wife of owing more than \$100,000 in unpaid child support.

(Peter Hoffman/The New York Times)

his auto insurance premium on time. Walsh's decision to repeatedly bang the drum of strict fiscal responsibility appears

level of government," he said in his Capitol Hill office, where, with no apartment in Washington, he sleeps on an air mattress when Con-

gress is in session. "When it comes to the issues that this Congress has been immersed in the past nine months, I have taken the leading role." But the history of unlikely wave candidates suggests that this theory could work against him. "When the wave is large enough in elections, weaker candidates can get elected," said Nathan L. Gonzales, an editor at The Rothenberg Political Report, a nonpartisan political newsletter. "Part of the struggle for these freshmen is what lesson did they learn from their initial election. Do they think voters voted for them or against their opponent? They can struggle if they don't understand the initial dynamics of their win." Of the 73 Republican freshmen who came into office in the Republican sweep of 1994 — the last one before 2010 — 12 were swept out in the next election, including Rep. Jim Bunn of Oregon, who divorced his wife while in office and married his chief of staff, which did not help his re-election effort.

A wave put many unlikely Democrats into House seats in 2008, and a whopping 23 of them were voted out in 2010, including Rep. Alan Grayson of Florida, Walsh's corollary on the left chat-terwise. Walsh, a self-employed consultant whose income fluctuated in the years leading up to his election, shrugs off his financial history, calling it part of why voters related to him during last year's campaign. "I talked openly about every aspect of my life," he said. "The fact that I lost a home a few years ago, the fact that I struggled financially. I told people, 'If you want a building full of millionaires who all have perfect credit scores, then Joe Walsh is not your guy.'" Nor, he contends, do his financial troubles matter much to the job he was sent to do. "I didn't go to Washington to manage anybody's money," he said. "What I want to do is limit what they take from you, so you can manage your money." □



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Clinton meets with new Libyan leaders in Tripoli

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TRIPOLI, Libya – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton pledged political and economic support for Libya's transitional government on Tuesday, even as a senior administration official warned that Moammar Gadhafi and his loyalists remained "a lethal nuisance" who could stall the country's evolution.

Clinton, the Obama administration's most ardent champion of the NATO-led intervention, arrived here from Malta aboard a U.S. military jet shortly after noon and was greeted by a phalanx of uniformed fighters, part of an irregular militia that now controls Tripoli's airport.

They chanted "God is great" and raised their hands in signs of victory.

"I am proud to stand here on the soil of a free Libya," Clinton said at an Islamic conference center in the capital after meeting with the country's interim leaders, including the chairman of the National Transitional Council, Mustafa Abdul-Jalil. Clinton raised a host of issues with Abdul-Jalil and other Libyan officials, including the consolidation of political control, the prevention of violence against Gadhafi's supporters and the integration of myriad rebel militias into a new security structure.

"Not all of the militias have

yet come on board," said a senior official traveling with Clinton. "More are. More still need to come."

Clinton is the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit Libya since the fall of Tripoli two months ago, the climax

Jibril, when she greeted him on the steps of the conference hall.

The U.S. has contributed \$135 million in assistance to Libya's new leaders since February, including humanitarian aid and military

equipment at Cyrene.

Clinton said the relatively meager amount of new assistance reflected not only fiscal austerity at home – she told Jibril that such aid faced deep opposition in Congress – but also the fact

ed from Libya's arsenals. The U.S. has sent 14 civilian contractors to join the hunt for the missiles, which, along with sealed stockpiles of chemical weapons, are among the most worrisome aspects of Gadhafi's fall.

Clinton arrived a day after the interim government said it had taken control of Bani Walid, a loyalist enclave in the desert south of Tripoli. The anti-Gadhafi forces had been stalled for weeks at the approach in a valley dominated by loyalist positions on the hills above the city.

On Tuesday, though, anti-Gadhafi fighters celebrated in one of the town's squares, near an electric utility building that appeared to have been flattened by an airstrike. Commanders said they had captured hundreds of fighters during an assault on Sunday. Many more had fled, along with most of Bani Walid's residents.

"It's like a city of ghosts," said Hatem Dwaik, a fighter from Tripoli.

With no one to stop them, some former rebels looted and burned houses, as they have in other loyalist towns. New cars could be seen being carted out of town on the back of trucks.

A transitional government official, Abdulhakim Momen, said several of the houses he owned in the city had been looted. □



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton poses for a photo during a visit to a Tripoli hospital during her visit to Libya, Tuesday Oct. 18, 2011.

(AP Photo / Kevin Lamarque, Pool)

of a conflict in which the Obama administration went to some lengths to play down U.S. involvement. She is the first secretary of state to visit Libya since Condoleezza Rice in 2008, during a thaw in the Gadhafi government's international isolation.

"Now the hard part begins," Clinton told Libya's interim prime minister, Mahmoud

equipment – though not weapons, which France, Qatar and other nations have supplied. Clinton promised more help on Tuesday, including medical equipment and treatment in the U.S. for some of the most gravely wounded fighters, educational and cultural exchanges and a project with Oberlin College in Ohio to help preserve an-

that oil-rich Libya needed expertise more than cash to rebuild its society and economy after four decades under Gadhafi.

One of the largest pieces of the aid – \$40 million – involves expanding the search for mobile anti-aircraft rockets in an effort to keep them out of terrorists' hands after they were loot-



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Hard feelings test hope in Israel-Hamas swap

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Some said all this should improve chances for peace-making and reconciliation. But it was almost immediately clear the prisoner swap was also a source of acrimony.

"I would like to believe that this will permit the taking up again of discussions" between Israel and the Palestinians, President Nicolas Sarkozy of France said. He said the prisoner swap showed that "even in the most difficult moments there can be hope."

That was not the mood among the great majority of participants. Each side accused the other of mistreating its prisoners. Schalit, who was denied Red Cross visits throughout his imprisonment, was pushed into an uncomfortable interview on Egyptian television before being handed over to Israel, and Israelis watched his measured responses and labored breathing with fury. Hamas officials said their members had been subject in Israeli prisons to "torture, compulsion and revenge." Israelis whose loved ones were killed by some of those released said the deal was justice undone and capitulation to a sworn enemy.

Hamas quickly called for its members to capture more Israeli soldiers in order to free the remaining 5,000 or so Palestinian prisoners in Israel. Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Fatah-dominated Palestinian Authority, a Hamas rival, also spoke of the vital need to free the remaining prisoners. He made that point in the West Bank city of Ramallah, where he wel-



Gaza's Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, left, stands with released Palestinian prisoner Mohammed Al Hasani, center, among others as they celebrate during a welcoming ceremony, in Gaza City, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011. Hamas agreed to release Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit in exchange for 1,027 Palestinian prisoners, many of them serving life sentences for deadly attacks on Israelis. The arrivals of the prisoners set off ecstatic celebrations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where large crowds and dignitaries greeted them.

(AP Photo/Tara Todras-Whitehill)

comed about 100 freed prisoners in a citywide celebration. And although he has long focused on popular, nonviolent struggle, he is facing pressure to take a harder line as Hamas' accomplishments seem more tangible than his bid to win Palestinian statehood through the United Nations.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel threatened that any freed prisoner who returned to violence would pay for it. Such a person is "taking his life into his hands," he said at the Tel Nof air base south of Tel Aviv after embracing Schalit and handing him over to his parents. In the 10 months since many across the Arab world began rising up against entrenched dicta-

tors, Israel has found itself more nervous and more isolated. A stronger Hamas is likely to corner it further in the region as the Islamist organization improves ties to Turkey and Egypt and maintains an alliance with its longtime sponsor, Iran.

Hamas' own concerns about its future if it loses its base in the Syrian capital, Damascus, appear to have driven it partly to compromise on demands for the release of certain prisoners in exchange for Schalit. Bashar Assad of Syria is facing a fierce popular uprising, and his forces have so far killed an estimated 3,000 demonstrators. Hamas does not want to be caught in the middle. And Israel, fearing changes in Egypt after pending elections there that are

likely to empower the Muslim Brotherhood, saw that if the ruling military council in Cairo, with which it has cordial relations, leaves power, there might be no deal to free Schalit. So it accepted some prisoners into the West Bank that it had previously rejected.

There were people watching the events in Israel who found cause for optimism.

"I believe the masses everywhere want peace," said Isaac Herzog, a Labor Party member of Parliament. "The Gaza leadership is stuck in its rhetoric of revolution and resistance. But the people are fed up with their leadership. It's a whole new ballgame in the Middle East now."

Some Israelis did not agree. "I am a peace activist,

but it takes two to tango," said Yossi Peled, a sociologist who lives in the northern community of Mitzpe Hila near the Schalit family. "For five years they did not let anyone see Gilad. His father made clear that he was harshly treated, especially in the first years. So how can this bring the sides closer?" Peled called the interview on Egyptian television with Schalit "shocking" and "nasty." In Egypt, there was also discontent with the interview but for very different reasons – yet another sign of the gap between Israel and its neighbors. On state news websites, Egyptians complained that it was wrong to give any kind of platform to an Israeli, that it made him a hero. □



Flag-waving Israelis greet the convoy carrying freed Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit making its way to his home in Mitzpe Hila, northern Israel, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011. Looking thin, weary and dazed, Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit emerged Tuesday from more than five years in captivity, surrounded by Hamas militants with black face masks who handed him over to Egyptian mediators in an exchange for 1,000 Palestinian prisoners.

(AP Photo/Moran Maayan)

Threats, violence rising for Venezuelan activists

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
CARACAS, Venezuela
(AP) — Humberto Prado has seen plenty of danger. Once an inmate in some of South America's most feared lockups, he later was pardoned and became a prison director himself, then spent years campaigning for reforms in Venezuela's notorious prisons. Now, though, he says he's more frightened than he's ever been.

Prado, 48, said he's received numerous death threats, anonymous and often in the dead of night, since denouncing the government over a prison where inmates rioted in June. He says there is no sign officials are taking his complaints seriously, and in fact may be inspiring the harassment.

Venezuelan Justice Minister Tarek El Aissami has publicly accused Prado of fomenting the prison rebellion by criticizing conditions there. Many activists say the threats against Prado fit a disturbing pattern: threats and attacks after criticism of alleged government human rights abuses. As with Prado, the government has ignored, and even mocked, their accounts. The growing number of such cases is placing the government of leftist President Hugo Chavez under increasing international scrutiny, as human rights groups



In this photo released by Venezuela's Miraflores Presidential Press Office, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez attends a meeting with his ministers at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela.
 (AP Photo/Efrain Gonzalez, Miraflores Press Office)

take their complaints to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the United Nations. Prado said that as the threats intensified over the summer, he fled with his family to Spain for a time, aided by Amnesty International. "We live in very bad times," Prado said after returning to Venezuela in August. "We left our house for the safety of my children." Over the past 12 years, 83 attacks have targeted activists in Venezuela, with 10 activists killed since 2003, according to human rights organizations. Before President Hugo Chavez took office in 1999, such killings were rare. None was reported during Chavez's first

year in power. Rights groups also report arbitrary police arrests of activists, illegal wiretapping, restrictions on public meetings imposed by prosecutors and state-sponsored smear campaigns. The issue came to a head this week as the United Nations' Human Rights Council issued 148 recommendations for Venezuela, calling for the country to support the independent work of non-governmental organizations and defend human rights activists. Venezuela rejected that and 37 other recommendations. Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Tomas Porras Ponce de Leon said they were made by representatives of "old empires" and

meddled in Venezuelan affairs. The week before, Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro had criticized at least some human rights movements as "an international bureaucracy very influenced by the imperialist nations." During the June prison uprising, state television broadcast an interview with a purported inmate

who accused rights organizations of intentionally inciting violence inside the penitentiary. The alleged inmate, whose face was covered with a hood, stood with his back to the camera as he accused non-governmental organizations of issuing instructions meant "to create chaos, to produce a nationwide prison emergency." □



Irene Esser, left, representing Venezuela's Sucre state, smiles during the Miss Venezuela 2011 beauty contest in Caracas, Venezuela. Esser was crowned as Miss Venezuela 2011.
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In Paris, bells at Notre Dame will be replaced

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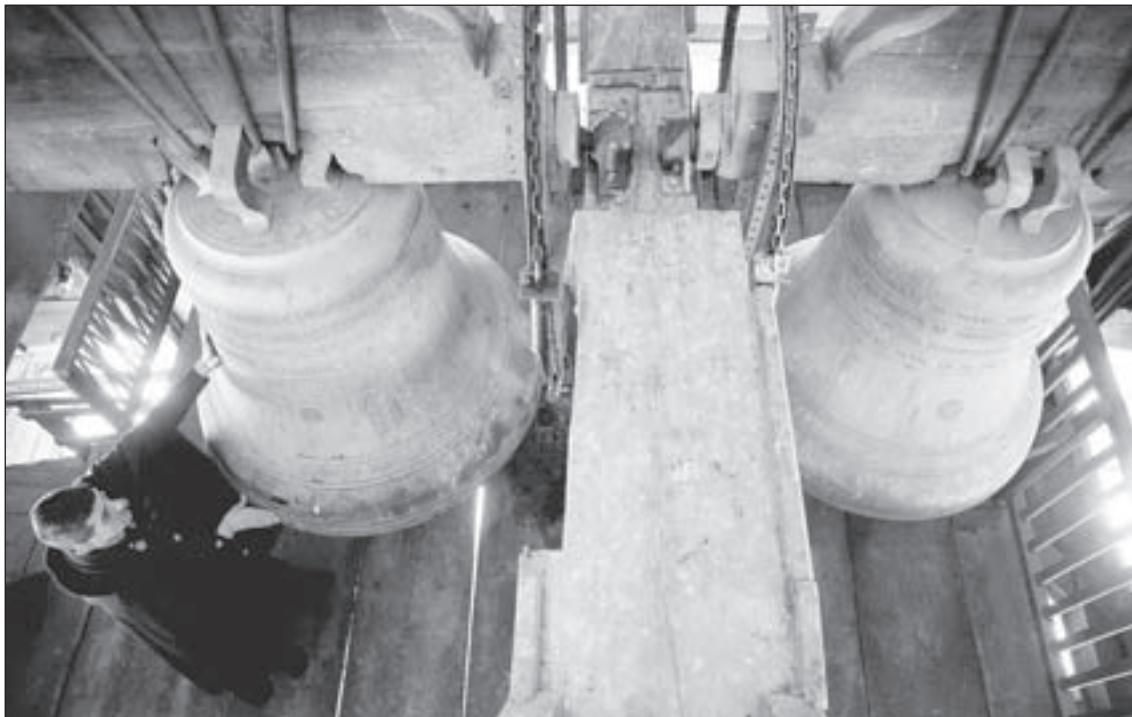
PARIS – Since 1856, the four major bells atop the northern towers of the Cathedral of Notre Dame have rung every 15 minutes, without fail. They rang for the end of World War I and the liberation of Paris in 1944. Most recently, they chimed in honor of the victims of 9/11.

They even have names, taken from various French saints: Angelique-Francoise, Antoinette-Charlotte, Hyacinthe-Jeanne and Denise-David.

Nevertheless, in 2012 they will be melted down and replaced by nine new ones, intended to recreate the sound of Notre Dame's original 17th-century bells. The replacement of the bells, which is mentioned without fanfare on a placard inside the church, has caused a small but very Parisian ruckus. Some consider the 19th-century bells unrivaled witnesses to French history, made famous by Victor Hugo's "Hunchback of Notre Dame," and an indestructible part of French heritage.

For the Rev. Patrick Jacquin, the rector of Notre Dame and initiator of the project, the point is authenticity. "We don't destroy the bells," he said. "We only intensify the sound of Notre Dame."

Bells, cast from a bronze alloy, may look indestructible but they do not last forever. They can wear down and fall out of tune, which is what some "campanologues," or bell experts,



Stephane Urbain, the chief sacristan of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, with the bells named Hyacinthe Jeanne, left, and Antoinette Charlotte, right, in the cathedral's bell tower, in Paris. The four major bells atop the northern towers will be melted down and replaced by nine new ones, intended to recreate the sound of Notre-Dame's original 17th-century bells. (Nigel Dickinson/The New York Times)

say has happened to the bells of Notre Dame. Bells do not last forever. "This is one of the most dreadful sets of bells in France," said one expert, Herve Gouriou. "They are damaged and badly tuned."

But for some ardent defenders of French heritage like Xavier Gilibert, a 37-year-old director of a

nongovernmental organization, the bells are not only a symbol of Paris but also a worldwide heritage.

"They rang at fundamental moments of our history," Gilibert said. "They are going to disappear, and no one will know about it."

The replacement of the bells in a \$3.5 million project is part of a face-lift in prep-

aration for the cathedral's 850th anniversary next year that includes a renovation of the obsolete and energy-intensive lighting system and renowned organ.

Not all the bells will be replaced. The great 1681 Bourdon Emmanuel bell, which hangs in the south tower and is considered one of the most beautiful in Europe, will be preserved. It rings for major religious celebrations, popes' visits, presidential funerals and commemorations. When Pope John Paul II died in 2005 at the age of 84, the Bourdon Emmanuel rang 84 times.

Despite the concerns of those like Gilibert, only the Bourdon Emmanuel is considered by experts to have important historical significance. □

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California's olive oils rival those of Italy

JULIA MOSKIN

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American food lovers have long taken for granted that only olive oils from the Mediterranean are worth buying – preferably with an olive tree, an Italian flag and some words like “authentic cold pressed” on the bottle.

But in the last decade, California producers have mounted a major new effort to bring back the domestic olive oil industry, planting thousands of acres, building new mills and producing oils that can be fresher, purer and cheaper than all but the finest imports.

The California olive oil trade, started by 16th-century Spanish missionaries, was almost dead 10 years ago, except for small-scale producers along the Pacific Coast and in the wine country. “Many people loved the romance of olive oil,” said Deborah Rogers, an owner of the Olive Press, a mill and orchard in Sonoma, Calif. “But no one could figure out how to make any money at it.”

Less than 2 percent of the olive oil consumed in the United States is produced here. But that figure is nudging upward as companies like California Olive Ranch, Corto Olive and Apollo have produced oils

that are priced to compete not only in specialty stores, but in supermarkets. They're using two power-

ful tools: intensive farming systems already in wide use around the Mediterranean and a self-imposed bureau-

cracy that has tried to set a new domestic standard for purity, just as imported olive oil has come under increased scrutiny.

At the California Olive Ranch north of Sacramento, where last week was the beginning of the annual harvest, most of the trees are less than a decade old. But with 13,000 acres under cultivation, the company is already the largest producer of extra-virgin olive oil in the country.

“These trees have a precocious growth spurt and high oil content,” said Adam Englehardt, the field manager, who comes from a family that has been farming in nearby Artois (that's AR-toyce, not ar-TWA), for five generations.

As long as the olive oil is reasonably priced and reasonably tasty, should American cooks care where it's from? There are the usual arguments for buying local food: supporting domestic agriculture and the jobs it creates, reducing fossil-fuel consumption by limiting transport, a fresher product. “Olive oil is a fresh, live product, and it is at its best at the source and the time of the harvest,” Rogers said. Certified extra-virgin olive oils from the European Union are required to have a “best by” date on the label. But labels cannot always be trusted. When it comes to shopping for olive oil, an extra layer of caution is drizzled on.

Tom Mueller, the author of the soon-to-be-published “Extra Virginity: The Sublime and Scandalous World of Olive Oil,” writes that since the time of the Phoenicians, growers around the Mediterranean have dealt with – and in – counterfeit olive oil. And in modern times, cheaper oils are often disguised as extra-virgin olive oil. “It's not legal anywhere, but it happens everywhere,” Mueller said in an interview. Four years ago, Mueller, who lives in Liguria, Italy, published a hair-raising article on black market olive oil in the New Yorker that changed the mind-set of every cook who read it. □



An olive oil tasting bar at the Olive Press, a mill and orchard, in Sonoma, Calif. In the last decade, California producers have mounted a major new effort to bring back the domestic olive oil industry, planting thousands of acres, building new mills, and producing oils that can be fresher, purer, and cheaper than all but the finest imports.

(Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)



Adam Englehardt, field manager at the California Olive Ranch, supervises the loading of freshly picked olives, in Artois, Calif.

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A blessed BBQ feast



KEVIN SACK

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DECATUR, Ga. – On one holy night each year, the men of Oak Grove United Methodist Church stay up through the dawn while slow-smoking 275 hams beneath an open-air shed. At 5 a.m., as three tons of pork approaches slide-from-the-bone succulence, the stew-stirrers arrive to take their positions around six 40-gallon cauldrons, armed with long paddles.

The result of their toil, a community barbecue that celebrated its 50th year Saturday, is a religious experience all its own and a cause for pilgrimage from across the suburbs east of Atlanta. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 450 red-aproned volunteers prepare and serve more than 5,000 plates of tender pork, homemade slaw and a signature Brunswick stew that intoxicates with steamy smokiness.

After five decades of refinement, the assembly line of choppers and pourers and baggers and cashiers works with a mechanized efficiency worthy of Detroit. Blue-uniformed Cub Scouts haul away barrels of trash while Boy Scouts tote stacks of takeout to cars for the elderly. On Saturday, Clint Ginn and his son, Jason, 20, were running the stew crew pretty much the same way his father had for 31 years.

Paul Taylor, the longtime chairman of the autumn rite, marveled under cerulean skies that not once in 50 years had it been marred by rain.

“We always joke that Jesus must love barbecue,” he said (never minding the whole kosher thing). □



The 17th World Routes Developments Forum: AAA present at the world's largest air transport networking event

ORANJESTAD – Aruba Airport Authority attended the 17th annual World Routes Developments Forum which was held in Berlin, Germany. Representatives of AAA that attended this Forum were Mr. Peter Steinmetz, Chief Executive Officer and Mrs. Jo-Anne Arends, Head Airlines Marketing. The World Routes conference is an industry-wide renowned event on the aviation sector's calendar.

The event is attended by more than 3,500 senior aviation professionals and decision making personnel including airlines and airports from around the world, and is a yearly event rotated worldwide that has proven to be an excellent networking and business building opportunity for Aruba Airport during the past 10 years. AAA had a packed itinerary of one-on-one meetings sessions with different representatives of several existing and potential airlines partners, such as KLM, Arkefly,

JetBlue American Airlines, AirTran/Southwest, Copa Airlines, TAM, LAN, Air Canada, WestJet, Iberia and British Airways. During the Conference, AAA operated from the Schiphol Group chalet in the main exhibition area.

Schiphol had also organized an industry briefing and discussion between all the airports where it has a presence (Amsterdam, Eindhoven, New York, Brisbane and Aruba) on recent industry developments. "World Routes is and has been the perfect opportunity for the Aruba Airport to maintain its current network and to open new networking opportunities with airline



and other industry partners" according to AAA N.V.'s CEO Mr. Peter Steinmetz. "Remarkable this year at the conference has been

the rise in opportunities in the Latin American market. We have had positive and promising talks with airlines such as Copa, TAM and

LAN during this conference and will definitely follow up on these matters during the months to come". AAA will continue to attend both

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the staff of Club Hipsz. Enjoy an ice cold Balashi Chill during the Happy Hour from 10-11pm. The club has an upscale, nice and cosy setting, with comfortable lounges and sofas to take a rest after dancing. The club is completely non-smoking (Aruba's Only). Smokers are allowed to go outside to smoke. Club Hipsz is also open on Fridays and Saturdays. On Friday they have a double happy hour on beers (varies weekly) and a special shots. Double Happy Hours from 10-11pm and 1-2am! The Live DJ will mix up the music from Lat-

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Jonas 'Yellow Man' is Employee of the Month at Mise en Place



It is always a great surprise for the entire Mise en Place team when the Employee of the Month is announced. This is because 1) everyone deserves the honorary title and 2) because there are so many good workers to choose from. Mise en Place is the umbrella company for CILO City Lounge in the Renaissance Market-

place, Taste of Belgium in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall, Le Bistro in the Paseo Herencia Mall and Papillon in The Village. Together with the catering at Palm Island, Mise en Place employs more than 120 people. For the month of September, the choice for Employee of the Month fell on Jonas from St. Lucia. He has

been on Aruba for almost two years now, and he is one of the chefs at CILO City Lounge. Before that, Jonas worked as a bartender and supervisor on his native island, but when he came to visit family members on this island, he took one look and wanted to stay here. His hobby is partying, so Aruba is the per-

fect place to be, and the seafood pasta at CILO is his favorite dish, as he loves seafood and fish. 39-year old Jonas is known as 'Yellow Man' in reference to the great reggae star, not

only because of his great singing voice, but also because of his happy disposition and smiling face. He is a great colleague. Pabien, Jonas! □

Elizabeth Nunes wins thousands at the Aura Casino!



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After 'Wintertulpen' on Aruba in 2007:

Belgian actress brings impressive monologue about breast cancer to Curaçao



ORANJESTAD - 'Wintertulpen' (winter tulips) is the name of a monologue that will be performed by Belgian actress Marleen Merckx in the auditorium of the Central Bank and in the World Trade Center on November 4 and 5. Both evenings will be really special, not only because of the content of the play, but also because of their musical and cultural settings. The organization of Wintertulpen lies in the hands of the Sinta Ros foundation, which has as its goal to give support to patients and information about the disease. Just like on Aruba, one in eight women is struck by breast cancer: a truly chilling percentage. Wintertulpen is known on Aruba - in 2007 there was

an unforgettable gala evening in Cas di Cultura, which not only stood out because of the elegance of its white-clad guests, but also because of the hundreds of white tulips, the mime artists, the music, an exposition and the penetrating monologue of Marleen Merckx. The play is about a woman who is struck by breast cancer. A very heavy subject, yet it is performed with hope and humor. It is an adaption of the book 'Chemo' by writer Christine Lafaille. She died from the disease in 2007, just before the première on Aruba.

-Steph Goossens, also a well-known Belgian actor, is responsible for the adaptation into a play. Marleen said recently that her

performance on Aruba is her most-cherished performance, even after having played the monologue for more than 200 times. President of the Sinta Ros foundation, Angeline de Ron-Tromp, came into contact with the organizer of Wintertulpen on Aruba, Peter Ballière, in 2007.

Now, four years later, she has succeeded in planning a similarly impressive evening as on Curaçao's sister island and she hopes to get the same response. The 2007 gala was a benefit for the Edmund Harms Foundation and the Koningin Wilhelmina Kankerfonds (KWF). Both evenings in Curaçao will be concluded by a special exposition of Colombian artist Maria Teresa Martinez, who also showed

this work, especially made for Wintertulpen, after the gala in Cas di Cultura. The visit of Marleen Merckx to Curaçao coincides with the trip of two young cancer patients from Belgium. They are coming to the island courtesy of the Make a Wish Foundation and their goal is to swim with the dolphins. They will be traveling in the company of one parent and a representative of the foundation and they plan to enjoy the sunshine, beach, ocean and dolphins during their holiday. The realization of their dream has become possible with the sponsoring of

KLM and the Hyatt Resort. Wintertulpen has Arkefly and the Renaissance Resort as its main sponsors.

For Arubans who might like to attend Wintertulpen in Curaçao: please mail to aderon@curlink.com or call 00599-9-747-7353. On both evenings the dress code is white; for the gala performance in the Central Bank even 'elegantly white'. Photos show scenes from the 2007 gala performance of Wintertulpen on Aruba as well as of the press conference, held last Friday in Curaçao, about the upcoming two performances there. From left to right: the honorary consul of Belgium, Mr. Ivan Moreno, Heleen Bongers (pr), Sinta Ros president Angeline de Ron-Tromp and organizer of Wintertulpen 2007, Peter Ballière, who is assisting Sinta Ros with the organization of the 2011 performances. □

NBA players, owners meeting with mediator

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, right, arrives for labor talks between the NBA and players' association, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011 in New York. NBA commissioner David Stern said last week during an interview with WFAN radio in New York that without a deal Tuesday, when the sides meet with federal mediator George Cohen, his "gut" was that there wouldn't be NBA basketball on Christmas.

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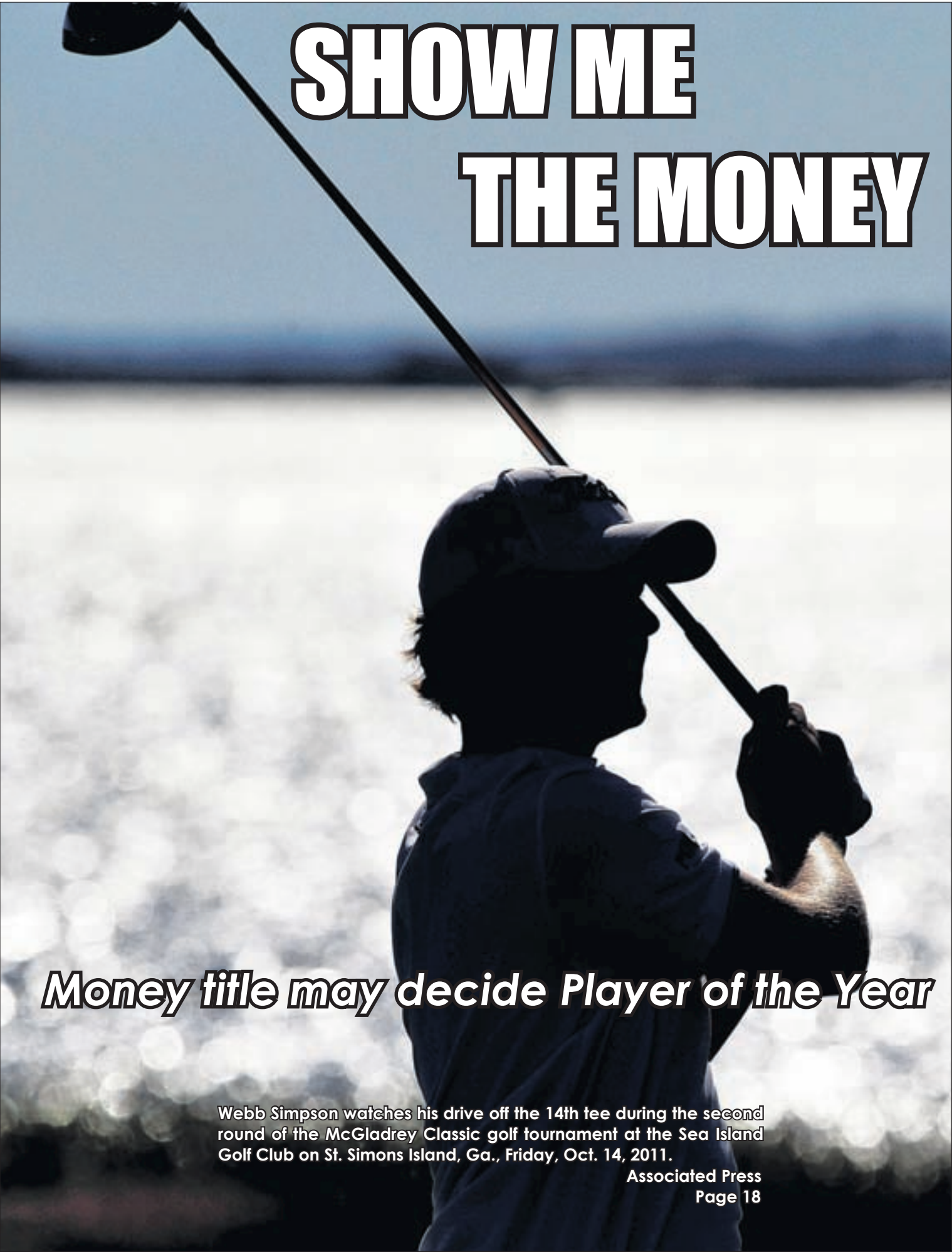
In this Jan. 2, 2011, file photo, Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer rolls out to pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens in Baltimore.

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Raiders acquire Carson Palmer

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer
ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Raiders made a bold move to replace injured quarterback Jason Campbell on Tuesday, trading two high draft picks to the Cincinnati Bengals for Carson Palmer. Coach Hue Jackson paid a high price to acquire a quarterback he knows well but who has struggled in recent years and refused to report the Bengals this season despite being under contract through 2014. The Bengals had been adamant about not trading Palmer, who wanted to be dealt from a team that has had only two winning records in the last 20 years.

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Money title may decide Player of the Year

Webb Simpson watches his drive off the 14th tee during the second round of the McGladrey Classic golf tournament at the Sea Island Golf Club on St. Simons Island, Ga., Friday, Oct. 14, 2011.

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Money title missing piece for player of the year

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) — The PGA Tour money title is relevant for the first time since 2003 because it has come down to two players — Webb Simpson and Luke Donald — in the final tournament of the year at Disney in Buena Vista.

But it's not just about the money. Simpson had more than just the money title on his mind when he decided to play the McGladrey Classic last week at Sea Island, where missing a 3-foot par putt with his belly putter and losing in a playoff was easy to stomach. The runner-up finish was worth \$432,000, and it gave him a \$363,029 lead on the money list.

He has two wins this year, as much as anyone else, but no more than five other players. Simpson didn't win a major, although neither did any of the other player of the year candidates except for Keegan Bradley.

"I still need to do a little something more to get player of the year," Simpson said at the start of last week. "So I think if I could somehow squeak it out and win the money list, that would just help." In a year in which no one has really stood out, it might be just enough. The PGA Tour player of the year is a vote of the players. The Players Advisory Council nominates the candidates — it could be one of the

schedule at the last minute to try to win the money title. But the bigger picture for Donald is to show his peers how badly he wants to be player of the year. Donald most likely will have to win Disney to capture the money list, and that also would give him two PGA Tour wins — same as Simpson, Bradley, Steve Stricker, Nick Watney, Bubba Watson and Mark Wilson.

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There still figures to be sentiment for Bradley, the 25-year-old rookie whose two wins include the PGA Championship. Majors tend to be the tiebreaker in these votes, as David Duval can attest. He won four times in 1998 — in the winter, spring, summer and fall — won the money title and the Vardon Trophy for lowest scoring average. He lost the award to Mark O'Meara, who won two majors. But for a body of work, Bradley has some blemishes. No one ever voted player of the year has been outside the top 10 on the money list. Bradley is 13th. Only once in the last 20 seasons has the player of the year missed more than three cuts. That was Nick Price in 1994, who missed the cut five times. He also won six tournaments, including two majors. Bradley has more missed cuts (10) than top 10s (four). Bill Haas won the FedEx Cup, but that was based on only one win at the Tour Championship. Watney might get some consideration, with two wins — including a World Golf Championship — along with 10 finishes in the top 10 and finishing third on the money list.



ABOVE: Webb Simpson tees off from the 10th tee during the final round of the McGladrey Classic golf tournament at the Sea Island Golf Club on St. Simons Island, Ga., Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011. **BELOW:** This Sept. 5, 2011 file photo shows Luke Donald, of England, teeing off on the 15th hole during the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament, in Norton, Mass. Donald is not going to give up the PGA Tour money title without a fight. Donald decided Friday, Oct. 14, 2011 to enter the PGA Tour's final tournament next week at Disney, a response to Webb Simpson playing this week in the McGladrey Classic at Sea Island.

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longer lists — and the ballots will be mailed Oct. 25. Winning the Arnold Palmer Award for leading the PGA Tour money list might mean

even more to Donald. He has a chance to become the first player to win the money titles on the PGA Tour and European Tour in

the same season. Donald has a comfortable lead in Europe. His prospects suddenly look bleak in America. Donald also needs to win the money list to bolster his credential as the player of the year. He has been ranked No. 1 the last five months, and he is there for a reason. No one has played better golf this year. In 23 tournaments, Donald has won three times, had 17 finishes in the top 10 and finished in the top five in nearly half his tournaments. Trouble is, he has only one win on the PGA Tour. That was at the Match Play Championship in Arizona, with a performance so resounding that Donald never played the 18th hole at Dove Mountain except in a practice round.

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schedule at the last minute to try to win the money title. But the bigger picture for Donald is to show his peers how badly he wants to be player of the year. Donald most likely will have to win Disney to capture the money list, and that also would give him two PGA Tour wins — same as Simpson, Bradley, Steve Stricker, Nick Watney, Bubba Watson and Mark Wilson.

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IndyCar cancels testing at Las Vegas speedway

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — IndyCar officials have canceled this week's two-day test of the new 2012 race car at Las Vegas.

Tuesday's decision comes two days after Dan Wheldon, who did most of the testing for the 2012 car, was killed in a fiery 15-car crash at the same track.

Target Chip Ganassi managing director Mike Hull says IndyCar made the call on its own and that his team will test the new car later this year.

Four-time series champ

Dario Franchitti was scheduled to run at the 1.5-mile oval Wednesday and Thursday. He and Wheldon were close friends.

Franchitti's wife, actress Ashley Judd, wrote on Twitter: "I appreciate IndyCar canceling my husband's test at Las Vegas track. The new car needs development - but not now, and never again there." □



In this Sept. 27, 2011, file photo, Dan Wheldon talks about the 2012 IndyCar vehicle, at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011.

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Jets get first win back in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)

— Kyle Wellwood scored 8 seconds into the game as the reborn Winnipeg Jets earned their first NHL win of the season by beating the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 on Monday.

Tanner Glass netted Winnipeg's other goal and Ondrej Pavelec stopped 28 shots to earn the win for the Jets — formerly the Atlanta Thrashers. Winnipeg lost its original team when it moved to Phoenix in 1996. Zbynek Michalek had the only goal for Pittsburgh, which got 33 saves from Marc-Andre Fleury.

The Jets were one of three winless NHL teams heading into the game. The other two, the New York Rangers and Columbus Blue Jackets, were idle Monday.

Pittsburgh, which played without top forwards Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, has lost two in a row.

***Panthers 7, Lightning 4**

At Tampa, Florida, Kris Versteeg and Stephen Weiss each scored two goals as Florida trounced Tampa

Bay.

Versteeg put the Panthers up 5-3 with his second power-play goal of the game when he beat goalie Dwayne Roloson from the low right circle 25 seconds into the third period.

The Panthers then went ahead 6-4 when Weiss scored at 15:28 of the third. Jason Garrison added a late power-play goal.

Tomas Kopecky and Sean Bergenheim had the other goals for the Panthers.

Teddy Purcell, Victor Hedman, Vincent Lecavalier and Steven Stamkos scored for Tampa Bay, which had lost four in a row to finish a season-opening, five-game road trip.

***Avalanche 3, Maple Leafs 2, OT** In Toronto, David Jones scored 1:11 into to overtime to lift Colorado over Toronto.

Jones buried the rebound of Kyle Quincey's shot past goalie James Reimer. Daniel Winnik and Milan Hejduk also scored for Colorado, while Phil Kessel and Nikolai Kulemin had goals for the



Anaheim Ducks left wing Bobby Ryan (9) leaps over teammate Corey Perry (10) as San Jose Sharks defensemen Douglas Murray (3) and Dan Boyle (22) look on during the first period of an NHL hockey game in San Jose, Calif., Monday, Oct. 17, 2011.

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Maple Leafs.

The Avalanche went 5-0 on their longest road trip of the season — Colorado's first perfect mark in a trip that long.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere started in goal for Colorado against his former team. Giguere, who signed a two-year deal with the Avalanche in the summer, was the Maple Leafs' opening-night starter last season.

***Oilers 3, Predators 1**

In Edmonton, Alberta, Ryan Smyth scored the winning goal as Edmonton rallied with three goals in the third

period to beat Nashville.

Taylor Hall and Ryan Jones also scored and Shawn Horcoff had three assists for the Oilers, who are 2-1-1 after finishing last in the NHL for two straight seasons.

Sergei Kostitsyn had the lone goal for the Predators, who have lost three in a row. Nashville recorded only 12 shots, and yielded 25 to Edmonton.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, taken No. 1 overall in this year's NHL draft, scored four goals for Edmonton in his first three games, including a hat trick on Saturday in a loss to Vancouver. He

got his first assist against the Predators.

***Ducks 3, Sharks 2**

In San Jose, California, Teemu Selanne scored a pair of first-period goals as Anaheim held off San Jose to win their fourth straight game. With a 4-1-0 record, Anaheim is off to its best start since its Stanley Cup-winning season five years ago. Corey Perry also scored for the Ducks and Dan Ellis made 41 saves.

Marc-Edouard Vlasic and Brent Burns scored for San Jose, which has lost three straight since a season-opening win. □

Marion Jones representing U.S. on diplomatic visits

JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

Former track star Marion Jones is making a series of diplomatic visits to Serbia and Croatia this week on behalf of the U.S. State Department, an international opportunity for her to continue rehabilitating her tarnished image.

Once considered the fastest woman in the world, Jones had a public downfall — being forced to serve prison time and give back her five medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics after lying to federal investigators about taking performance-enhancing drugs.

Since getting out of jail, she started a career in the WNBA — playing a season and a half for the Tulsa Shock — and has started a campaign to encourage others to think before mak-

ing critical decisions.

This week, Jones is visiting with school children and other citizens in Serbia and Croatia, the former Yugoslav republics hit by war and earthquake in recent years.

"It paints a very positive picture of who we are as a country and the fact that she's here on the invitation of the United States government shows that our country believes in people always having op-



Marion Jones, left, a former world champion track and field athlete and a former professional basketball player, participates in a basketball clinic at a high school in Belgrade, Serbia, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

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portunities to come back from adversity," said Ryan Rowlands, a public affairs officer for the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade who helped arrange Jones' visit. "So that's been a great part of this message."

Jones called it an honor to be chosen by the government to represent the country. She said it is the first time she has delivered her "Take a Break" message overseas, the crux of which encourages people to take their time before making key decisions but realize that even the hardest times can be overcome.

"I'm just so overjoyed and gratified to have been given this opportunity to assist the U.S. State Department in the quest to help people in Serbia and Croatia, people who have suffered —

help them see and achieve success in their lives and help the country rebuild," Jones said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I'm just overwhelmed and excited." During stops in Nis and Belgrade, Jones held basketball clinics and visited with elementary and high school students. She is scheduled to make a presentation Thursday at the University of Zagreb in Croatia and to younger students before concluding her trip Friday.

"I think that this country is in the process of rebuilding," she said. "My story is one that I am also rebuilding from making some bad choices in the past, so I think that was one of the main reasons that I was chosen because I have decided to not give up in my quest to help people." □

NBA players, owners meeting with mediator

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer
NEW YORK (AP)

— NBA players and owners are meeting with a federal mediator, and Commissioner David Stern believes more games could be canceled if there isn't movement toward a new labor deal.

George Cohen tried to resolve the NFL's labor dispute. Now he's overseeing basketball's negotiations for the first time. Stern wants immediate results, saying during interviews last week that proposals could get worse and more games could be lost without a deal Tuesday.

"If there's a breakthrough, it's going to come on Tuesday," he told NBA TV. "And if not, I think that the season is really going to potentially escape from us because we aren't making any progress."



Federal mediator George Cohen, right, arrives for labor talks between the NBA and players' association, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011 in New York.

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Tuesday was the 110th day of the lockout. In another interview, Stern told WFAN radio in New York that his "gut" was that there wouldn't be NBA games on Christmas if it ended without a deal.

But large gaps remain between the sides, with both seeking 53 percent of basketball revenues and players opposing owners' attempts to significantly change the salary cap system. □



U.S. basketball player Kobe Bryant arrives at the Campidoglio capitol hill in Rome, Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011.

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BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) — Italian club Virtus Bologna says "unexpected en-

Bologna still working on Kobe deal

gagements" have made it impossible to sign Kobe Bryant this month but that both sides will continue to work toward a deal in November.

Bologna president Claudio Sabatini told

The Associated Press earlier this month that he had reached a tentative deal with Bryant's agent Rob Pelinka for a 10-game contract worth more than \$3 million.

Any deal with Bryant would allow the Los Angeles Lakers star to return to the NBA once the lockout ends.

A statement on Bologna's website says "the sides will continue to work toward arranging Kobe Bryant's arrival in Italy for mid-November."

Bryant spent part of his childhood in Italy and has said it would be a "dream" to play in the country. □

Tour de France 2012 made to be wide open

GREG KELLER
Associated Press
PARIS (AP)

— Tour de France competitors will face new and steeper mountain climbs and longer time trials next year, making for a wide-open race that will give stars like defending champion Cadel Evans and three-time winner Alberto Contador plenty of challengers.



This photo provided Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011 by Tour de France organizer ASO shows the map of the 2012 Tour de France cycling race. Organizers mapped out the 2,162-mile route "so that more favorites can potentially be in the mix" in the quest for the leader's yellow jersey. The route of the three-week cycling showcase was unveiled on Tuesday.

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At Tuesday's presentation of the 2012 course, Tour director Christian Prudhomme said "more favorites can potentially be in the mix" in the quest for the leader's yellow jersey over the 2,162-mile route.

The Tour's 99th edition, which starts June 30 in Liege, Belgium, will feature nearly 62 miles of individual time trials and 25 tough mountain climbs. The super-steep Planche des Belles Filles in eastern France will make its Tour debut in Stage 7.

"The route has been made so more favorites can potentially be in it (the title hunt)," Prudhomme told reporters before welcoming hundreds of riders, cycling personnel, sponsors and fans for the presentation at a Paris convention center.

"So a guy who is good in time trials can say 'Ah, I might have a chance,' and others will say, 'Since there are fewer summit finishes, I have to attack from farther out,'" he said. "And there's precisely the layout to allow attacks from farther out."

This year's Tour was one of the most exciting in years, with the yellow jersey up for grabs until the next to last stage. Prudhomme said organizers couldn't rest on their laurels and needed to continue to shake things up.

"There is nothing worse than old routines," Prudhomme said. "And teams adapt at an incredible speed. We have to try to bring new things each time so that they have to change."

The Planche des Belles Filles, with a patch of a staggering 20-degree gradient, is but one of nearly a half-dozen new mountain climbs for the Tour. Riders will also struggle up the Col de la Croix in the Jura

mountains of Switzerland — a 3.7 kilometer climb with an average gradient of 9.2 percent.

"On the Col de la Croix, even without attacking, you have to be in it. It can't be otherwise, it's too steep for there not to be a shake-up," said Prudhomme of a climb that comes just 15 kilometers from the finish line of Stage 8.

A group of cycling stars lined the front row for Tuesday's glitzy presentation at a top-grade Paris hotel: Evans, new world champion Mark Cavendish of Britain, brothers Andy and Frank Schleck — who finished this year second and third behind Evans — and Belgium's Philippe Gilbert, the top-ranked rider this year in the International Cycling Union scale.

Major centerpieces for the Tour's last two editions were the centennial celebrations of the race's debut in the Pyrenees mountains — in 1909 — and the Alps the following year. □



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Jets end 3-game skid with 24-6 win over Dolphins

By **DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

(AP) — Mark Sanchez was all smiles in front of his locker for the first time in weeks, knowing exactly what this win meant for the New York Jets.

"We're back on track," the relieved quarterback declared.

Crisis averted. Season saved.

With their locker room beginning to unravel because of mounting losses and infighting, Rex Ryan and his feuding Jets ended a three-game skid with a 24-6 victory over the winless Miami Dolphins on Monday night.

"Hey, we needed a win in the worst way," Ryan said.

"I'm just happy that we found a way to get one."

This victory was far from pretty or convincing. But it didn't need to be. It only needed to not be another loss. After all, the Jets (3-3) came in as a team in turmoil, and a fourth straight loss — especially against the lowly Dolphins — could be catastrophic.

"The guys came together and we knew coming into this week," wide receiver Antonio Holmes said, "that we couldn't allow an 0-4 team to come in here and get a victory."

Darrelle Revis turned the momentum in the Jets' favor when he ran back the first of his two interceptions 100 yards for a touchdown late in the opening quarter

and helped New York do just enough to avoid its first four-game skid under Ryan. Sanchez threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Holmes and ran for another score as the Jets — who called this a "must-win" game — capped a rough week by sending the Dolphins to their fifth straight loss.

"Losing was tough," Revis said. "It was hard coming to work. We wanted to get this win. We came in with a great game plan and guys stuck together."

There were some serious doubts whether that would be the case, though.

With frustration quickly spreading throughout the locker room, New York traded wide receiver Derrick Mason to Houston for what



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Owner Mike Brown repeatedly insisted he wouldn't consider Palmer's request for a trade because he didn't want to reward him for holding out. He changed his mind after the Raiders offered a 2012 first-round pick and a second-round pick in 2013 for the 31-year-old quarterback. The Raiders (4-2) became desperate for a quarterback after Campbell broke his collarbone during a win over the Browns on Sunday. Campbell had surgery Monday and was expected to miss at least six weeks, leaving the Raiders with only Kyle Boller and Terrelle Pryor on the roster. Jackson's mantra all season has been "the time is

now," and he backed that up by dealing for Palmer, who is coming off a 20-interception season last year with the Bengals.

Brown said the play of rookie quarterback Andy Dalton made it easier to trade Palmer.

"We also find ourselves rather suddenly in position of being able to receive real value for Carson that can measurably improve our team, which is performing well and is showing real promise for this year and years to come," he said in a statement. "When this opportunity arose, we felt we could not let it pass and needed to take a step forward with the football team if we could."

Palmer, who had been working out in Southern California, already reported to the Raiders' facility

and will immediately start learning the offense. Oakland hosts Kansas City on Sunday and then has a bye week. While Palmer has not played or practiced since last season, he has a history with Jackson, who was his offensive coordinator for two years at USC and the wide receivers coach for three seasons in Cincinnati. Jackson was with the Bengals when Palmer had his best season in 2005 when he threw for 3,836 yards with 32 touchdown passes and a 101.1 rating while leading the team to an AFC North title. Palmer tore up his left knee during a playoff loss to Pittsburgh that season. He came back and had two solid seasons before partially tearing a ligament and tendon in his passing elbow during the 2008 season. □

the team said was a lack of production. Then, the Jets had to deal with some infighting as Holmes called out the offensive line for not giving Sanchez enough time to throw deep. Right guard Brandon Moore fired back, saying those comments could have a "fragmenting effect" and were not what a captain, which Holmes is, should do.

Ryan, who insisted his team's Super Bowl hopes would not be undone by locker room disharmony, even sent Holmes and Moore out as the captains for the pregame coin toss. "It was good," Holmes said. "We both looked each other in the eye and said, 'Let's go. It's time to play some football.'"

Turns out, this game against the Dolphins (0-5) came at just the right time. Next up for New York: the San Diego Chargers (4-1) on

Sunday, with a chance to head into the off week on a high note.

"In every locker room, things like this happen," Ryan said. "Trust me, we're past that thing. It's unfortunate that it happened. We're chasing a much bigger thing than that. We're moving forward."

Meanwhile, the Dolphins are 0-5 to start a season for the second time in five years, and things are looking an awful lot like 2007 — when Miami went 1-15. The heat on Dolphins coach Tony Sparano could intensify now.

"It's tough right now," said wide receiver Brandon Marshall, who had six catches for 109 yards. "When you lose, everything looks bad. It's a nasty feeling in the building and a nasty feeling every day. The only thing we can do is fight to get a win." □



Throat's Door

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The word thyroid comes from the Greek "thura" which means "door," which is what the thyroid looks like. Your thyroid gland is the largest endocrine gland and is situated in the front of the neck. Your thyroid gland secretes iodine-rich hormones thyroxine and triiodothyronine which regulate your metabolism rate; but its effects are felt all over the body.

Thyroid glands that are not functioning optimally produce a myriad of symptoms. Many people experience unexplained cold hands and feet, low body temperature, sensitivity to cold, a feeling of always being chilled, headaches, insomnia, dry skin and hair, puffy eyes, hair loss, brittle nails, joint aches, constipation, mental dullness, fatigue, frequent infections, PMS symptoms, hoarse voice, ringing in the ears, dizziness, depression, fluid retention, anxiety and panic attacks, allergies, asthma, acne, skin hives, loss of libido, and weight gain, which is sometimes uncontrollable. In fact, an insufficiently nourished thyroid might be a major cause of weight problems,

especially among women, in the West today. Research indicates that up to 10 percent of Westerners have a thyroid problem that has most likely gone unrecognized. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms above your doctor could send you to check your thyroid function through a blood test. Unfortunately, the test results may not be accurate. This is because test "averages" do not show how all of us are unique. Your individual thyroid hormone levels are not like anyone else's.

Thyroid tests will not give you an accurate indication of your ideal thyroid hormone level, because they are missing a critical piece of information which is your peak thyroid level when you were young and healthy. Should your thyroid test results indicate that you are in the "normal" range...say 5.5...but when you were younger you would have tested at a 9, then indeed, your thyroid is quite under active for you. At 5.5 you may feel very tired yet your doctor will tell you that your test results are "normal."

You can only truly compare you with you, and not a range of others. It would be ideal if we were tested when we were in our late teens and twenties and our peak levels

were recorded at the top-most physical time in our life. Then, as we age, we could test ourselves again to ensure that our hormone levels remain at this peak level.

The second reason that the tests are often inaccurate is because they only show what your thyroid hormone levels are on the day of testing. Your thyroid is a "tricky" organ to both diagnose and treat since its hormone levels fluctuate all the time. What you eat each day has a tremendous and immediate impact on it, and how much hormone it secretes.

A third reason for their inaccuracy is that the tests do not indicate if your thyroid hormone is actually entering your cells. Your thyroid may be manufacturing plenty of hormone but your cells can become resistant to the hormone and not able to utilize it. This condition is called Wilson's Syndrome. If you have low body temperature and some of the symptoms listed above you could have this condition.

In our clinic we see a lot of hypo or low functioning thyroids. The first solution is to put our patients on their metabolic or blood type food list. Because of today's diet, people will likely never experience outstanding thyroid health, un-

less they are encouraged to change their eating habits.

Your thyroid can be nourished better with a diet that includes the good fats (olive oil, pumpkinseed oil, real, unsalted butter, cod liver oil, and egg yolks) and mineral-rich foods (dark green leafy vegetables, sea salt and ocean veggies). Supplements that help in building a strong thyroid are kelp and selenium.

Most thyroid patients are women and many with low progesterone are often misdiagnosed as thyroid deficiency. Thyroid and sex hormones each affect the other. We often attend women with bulging eyes, racing heartbeat, and a swollen neck by naturally stimulating their progesterone production. Adding zinc to your daily supplement routine is important for sexual health.

Irregular periods, often leading to needless hysterectomies, are unfortunate common aspects of hypothyroidism; and breast disease. Too little thyroid production may cause increased prolactin levels and persistent estrogen stimulation.

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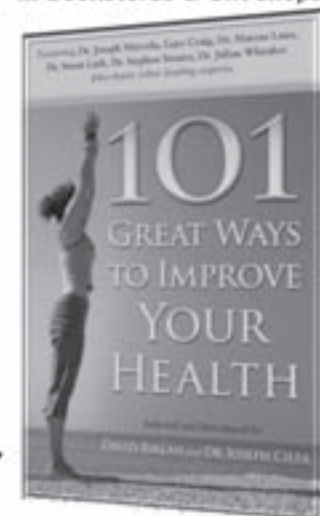
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Sanjay Jha, CEO of Motorola Mobility, holds the Droid Razr, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011 in New York.

Associated Press

Motorola brings back 'Razr' name for smartphone

By PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Seeking an edge in the world of high-end smartphones, Motorola is bringing back the "Razr" name, once attached to the best-selling phone in the world. The phone revealed Tuesday is thin, like the old Razr. Otherwise, the new Razr is a different breed from the folding "dumb" phone that made Motorola the second-largest phone maker in the world, before Apple Inc. shook up the industry with its iPhone in 2007. The new phone, called the Droid Razr, has a big touchscreen and runs Google Inc.'s Android operating

system. Verizon Wireless will start taking pre-orders on Oct. 27 and sell it for \$300 with a two-year contract. The Droid Razr will use Verizon's new LTE high-speed wireless data network. In an interview, Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc. CEO Sanjay Jha said the company's testing had revealed that the Razr name still resonates with people, and they say they're more likely to buy a phone that carries it. "People have incredibly fond memories of using their Razrs," he said at a press event in New York. As sold by Verizon, the phone will be called the "Droid Razr." In other countries, it will be just "Razr." □

BlackBerry maker shows new phone, tablet software

By RACHEL METZ
AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. unveiled a new operating system Tuesday in hopes of grabbing some attention away from the iPhone and Android phones.

The new BBX system combines existing BlackBerry elements with RIM's previously announced QNX operating system for phones and tablet computers.

RIM said BBX will incorporate the reliability and security features of QNX — which RIM snagged in 2010 by purchasing QNX Software Systems. It will also enable software developers to create more advanced, dynamic apps for the devices.

RIM co-CEO Mike Lazaridis introduced BBX on Tuesday at the company's annual developer conference in San Francisco.

He began his remarks by speaking briefly about the service outages that frustrated tens of millions of BlackBerry users last week. He said the company restored service as quickly as possible and is working on figuring out the causes and "making this right" for



BlackBerry users worldwide. On Monday, BlackBerry tried to soothe customers by offering more than \$100 worth of free software to each one and giving some a month of technical support.

The disruption came as RIM, once dominant in smartphones with its secure BlackBerry email service, has been losing ground to more consumer-friendly offerings such as Apple Inc.'s iPhone and smartphones running Google Inc.'s Android software.

RIM has sold 165 million

BlackBerrys through August. Apple had sold 129 million iPhones as of June, but its device has been on the market for a much shorter amount of time.

RIM has also lagged in the market for apps that run on smartphones and tablets. Its BlackBerry App World, which includes apps for its smartphones and its PlayBook tablet computer, includes more than 46,000 apps. That is just a fraction of the hundreds of thousands of apps offered for the iPhone and Android phones. □

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Takeovers follow the economy, even though bargains abound

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The merger market is like a pack of lemmings. If the economy is good, the takeover market will follow, but when times are bad, the market stalls.

For the moment, there are still mega-deals, like Kinder Morgan's \$21.1 billion acquisition of the El Paso Corp., and takeover activity is up. The volume of global mergers and acquisitions was up 22 percent, to \$2.748 trillion, for the 12 months ending in August from the period a year ago, according to Thomson Reuters. The increase in deal volume was driven in part by a threefold increase in hostile offers and strong company balance sheets. Yet many major economies in the world are growing sluggishly, if at all. The negative economic outlook is likely to counteract some otherwise strong drivers for deal-making.

The International Monetary Fund estimates growth for advanced economies at just 1.6 percent this year and only 1.9 percent in 2012, compared with a historical average of about 3 percent. In the United States, unemployment remains stubbornly high, and 2011 GDP growth was recently estimated by a National Association for Business Economics poll of economists to be about 1.57 percent.

The European sovereign debt crisis has worsened the economic growth problem. And the uncertainty over how far the crisis will spread in Europe is bound to drive down takeover volume.

Then there is the stock market. In a presentation last week at the Penn State M&A Institute, Jane Wheeler, a senior managing director at Evercore Partners, noted that since 1985, takeover volume had grown in only two years when the Standard &

Poor's 500-stock index had declined.

So we have the lemmings problem again. Takeover volume follows the stock market, and the market is down. Its recovery is fragile given the negative trends.

Also weighing on the merger market are signs that the Obama administration is stepping up antitrust enforcement. Last year, the federal government made a second request for information, an indication of an in-depth investigation of a transaction, in 4.1 percent of deals, compared with 2.5 percent in the last year of the Bush administration, according to a joint report submitted to Congress by the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice.

Mergers are also being challenged more often, and antitrust enforcement appears to be growing even more aggressive in

recent months. Although Continental and United Airlines cleared antitrust review by the Obama admin-

istration in August 2010, the federal government is suing to stop AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile USA after

effectively blocking Nasdaq's bid to acquire NYSE Euronext and Avis' effort to acquire Dollar Thrifty.

All this spells a decline in takeover volume. Deal makers do not want to take undue risks, and fear of uncertainty and a downturn is real even beyond the heightened regulatory scrutiny.

Yet there remain some forces that should be putting wind in deal makers' sails.

The takeover market's pattern of following equity prices is counterintuitive. When stocks are down, valuations are low and takeovers should make the most sense from a value perspective. Right now, price-earnings multiples are about 15 times earnings, compared, according to Standard & Poor's, with a historical average approaching 20 times earnings. □



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(Harry Campbell/The New York Times)

Airlines battle back to profit, a fare and a fee at a time



American Airlines trails its top rivals after being left out of the major mergers that have consolidated the industry. They began with the purchase of Northwest by Delta Air Lines in 2008, which created the nation's biggest airline, and followed last year by the merger of United Airlines and Continental and the purchase of AirTran Airlines by Southwest Airlines.

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The same things making many air travelers grumble these days – rising fares with more and more fees, fewer flights, planes filled to the brim – are the things giving airline executives a

reason to smile.

After a decade of losing money because of cut-throat competition, slumping traveler demand and volatile fuel prices, the industry has found a way to regain control of its fortunes – and make money – and

that is by shelving its 1990s strategy of aggressive growth. Despite the weak economy, most domestic airlines will have their second consecutive profitable year in 2011, after losing \$55 billion since 2001. The one exception is American Airlines, which is set to report another quarterly loss on Wednesday. Once the largest airline in the U.S., American has lost its top perch and is struggling with high costs and debt, and acrimonious labor relations.

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and Continental and the purchase of AirTran Airlines by Southwest Airlines. The mergers allowed the biggest airlines to cut service to many smaller markets, ground unprofitable flights and focus on their most profitable hubs. With fewer airlines competing to make their seats the cheapest, they could increase fares. The nation's top five airlines, including joint figures for United-Continental and Southwest-AirTran, accounted for 85 percent of all domestic seats in 2010; that compared with a 64 percent share for the top five in 2000, said Hunter Keay, an aviation analyst at Wolfe Trahan & Co.

"This has been an incredible picture over the past three years," Keay said. "It's not rocket science. Airlines finally understand basic economics." □



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Chasing investment opportunity in an age of upheaval

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Nicolas Berggruen is passionate about investing. A compact, handsome billionaire, Berggruen is often talked about for his eccentricities – he does not own a home, preferring to jet around the world and live out of hotels – but his ability to find, invest in and turn around neglected companies points to a hardened and savvy approach. And while a series of ex-

treme events in global financial markets this year have shaken investors' confidence, he maintains his strategy of investing in undervalued companies. In fact, the general sense that things are bad and could get worse seem to have little effect on him. "I continue to do the same thing," said Berggruen, who would not disclose his net worth beyond saying it was more than the \$2.2 billion estimated by Forbes. "I

buy businesses that deserve to exist but have been mismanaged. I feel there are

"I'm not optimistic in the short term," Berggruen said. "I just think that if some busi-

nesses are going to survive money after the losses in the 2008 crisis are keeping most people on the sidelines.

They have plenty of reasons to be there. Stock markets rise and fall like a stomach-churning roller coaster ride. European leaders have been slow to devise a resolution for the debt crisis in Greece, which has rippled through the European banking system and into other European countries.

While Berggruen has a front-row seat on the U.S. political problems through his nonprofit policy foundation, the Nicolas Berggruen Institute, he doesn't necessarily like what he sees. So he is looking long term.

In his belief that various assets are undervalued, he represents people who see opportunities and are moving their money from cash into investments. These investors are not looking for the hottest new investment but searching for companies that are strong and have continued to perform, regardless of what their stock prices say. □



Nicolas Berggruen at the Peninsula Hotel in Chicago. Although concerns about losing more money after the losses in the 2008 crisis are keeping most investors on the sidelines, Berggruen has been investing in what he calls mismanaged companies in retailing, media and real estate.

(Peter Hoffman/The New York Times)

Panel moves to rein in speculative trading

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A divided Commodity Futures Trading Commission on Tuesday adopted new constraints on speculative Wall Street trading, a business that some regulators have blamed for inflating prices at the gas pump and the grocery store. But the fight over the rule may continue if Wall Street, as expected, takes its complaints to the courts. Mindful of possible legal challenges, the agency agreed to delay many new limits for at least a year. The agency also exempted some trades altogether, leaving consumer advocates calling for a tougher crackdown. The so-called position limits rule will cap the number of derivatives contracts a trader can hold on 28 commodities. The limits will cover energy products and metals like oil and gold for the first time. Previously, the limits covered only nine agricultural commodities, including corn and wheat. "Position limits help to protect the markets both in times of clear skies and when there is a storm on the horizon," Gary Gensler, the agency's chairman, said at a public meeting in Washington. Three Democratic members approved the rule over the vocal objections of two Republican colleagues. Positions on most trading will kick in 60 days after the agency completes a related rule, which is likely to take months. □

more opportunities now." His focus is retailing, media and real estate. He picks companies in these areas, he said, that have lost a lot of their value because of macroeconomic events beyond their control, and he expects them to rebound, eventually.

nesses are going to survive it's worth investing now as long as it's a real business, and as long as you don't have to sell the stock to make a mortgage payment or eat next week." Concerns about the ability to cover basic expenses and a fear of losing more

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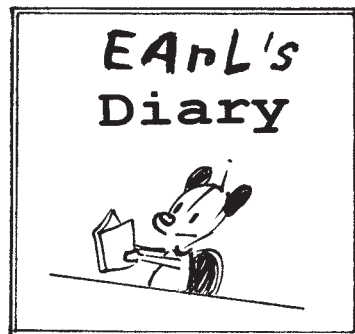


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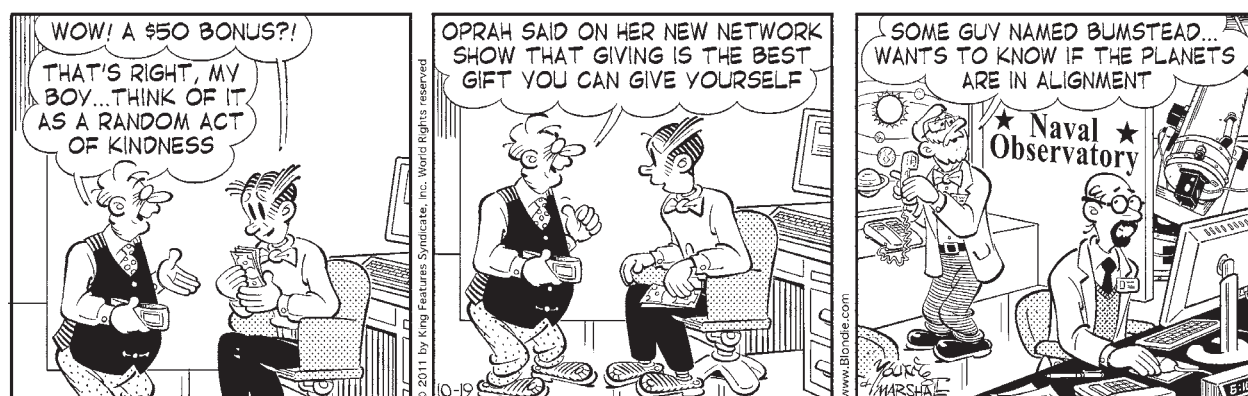
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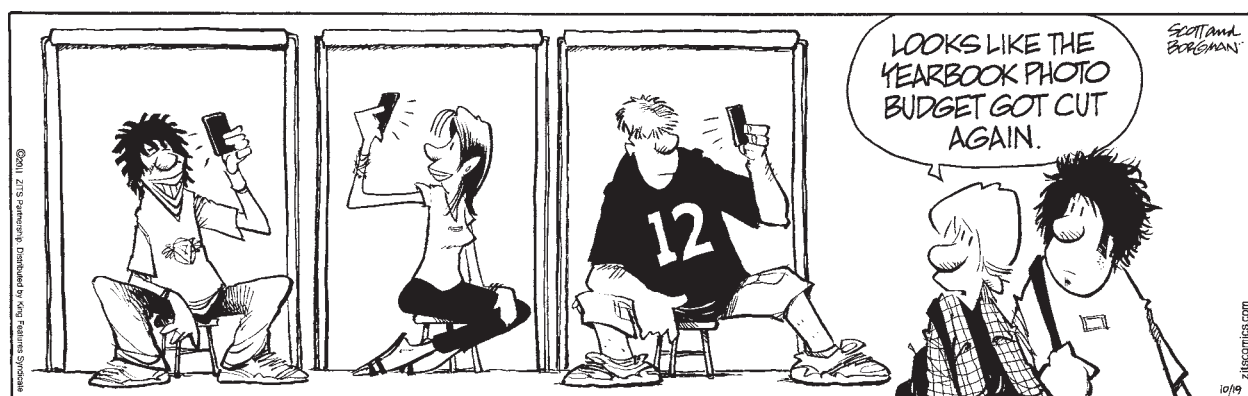
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Today In History

Today is Wednesday, October 19, the 292nd day of 2011. There are 73 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1765 - The Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, draws up a declaration of rights and liberties.

1781 - British troops under Lord Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, ending the American Revolution war.

1812 - French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte begin their retreat from Moscow.

1944 - The U.S. Navy announces black women would be allowed into Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES).

1950 - United Nations forces enter Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea.

1951 - U.S. President Harry Truman formally ends the state of war with Germany.

1972 - U.S. and South Vietnamese officials meet in peace negotiations where the U.S. and North Vietnam will move toward a ceasefire agreement in Indochina and a political accord that would replace the current government in Saigon.

1977 - The supersonic Concorde airplane makes its first landing in New York after 19 months of delays caused by residents concerned about the aircraft's noise.

1983 - The commander of Grenada's armed force announces that Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, who was under house arrest, has been killed by soldiers after he tried to seize army headquarters.

1984 - A young Polish pro-Solidarity priest, the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko, is abducted and murdered by Communist secret police.

1987 - The stock market crashes as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunges 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value — its biggest-ever percentage drop in decades.

1990 - The Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. adopts a long-awaited plan to reform the nation's economy.

1991 - A clandestine assembly of ethnic Albanian

legislators proclaim Kosovo to be an independent republic. The republic of Serbia annexed Kosovo in 1990.

1992 - African National Congress President Nelson Mandela acknowledges that prisoners in congress military camps had been tortured during the 1980s and early 1990s. The camps, located in other African countries, had been training sites during the congress's guerrilla war against the South African government.

1996 - Chechen separatists install their military commander Aslan Maskhadov as prime minister of a makeshift coalition government.

2000 - A suspected Tamil Tiger suicide bomber blows himself up in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The explosion occurs minutes before President Chandrika Kumaratunga swears in a new cabinet to cement her shaky coalition and end a weeklong political crisis.

2001 - U.S. special forces begin operations on the ground in Afghanistan, opening a significant new phase of the assault against the Taliban and terrorists.

2005 - Chile's Supreme Court strips former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet of immunity from prosecution for corruption charges related to his multimillion-dollar bank accounts overseas.

2006 - Suicide bombings in the south and east of Afghanistan kill a British soldier, two children and a policeman, as President Hamid Karzai calls on NATO forces to use caution during military operations a day after 20 civilians are killed.

2007 - A global manhunt

that began three years ago when police found hundreds of photos on the Internet of a man having sex with a dozen young Asian boys ends with the



Today is John Lithgow's birthday

arrest in Thailand of Canadian schoolteacher Christopher Paul Neil.

2008 - One of only two portraits of painter Francis Bacon by his friend and fellow British artist Lucian Freud is sold at auction for more than 5.4 million pounds

(\$9.4 million).

2009 - U.N.-backed fraud investigators throw out nearly a third of President Hamid Karzai's votes from the August election, undercutting his claim of victory and stepping up the pressure for him to accept a runoff.

2010 - The technology giant says the Dead Sea Scrolls, among the world's most important, mysterious and tightly restricted archaeological treasures, are about to get Googled.

Today's Birthdays:

Auguste Lumiere, Frenchman credited with making the first movie (1862-1948); John Le Carre, British writer (1931-); Jennifer Holliday, U.S. singer (1960-); Evander Holyfield, U.S. heavyweight boxing champion (1962-); John Lithgow, U.S. actor (1945-).

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George Mason University studies crowdsourcing for intelligence



FAIRFAX, Virginia (AP) — Maybe you've got a hunch Kim Jong Il's regime in North Korea has seen its final days, or that the Ebola virus will re-emerge somewhere in the world in the next year. Your educated guess may be just as good as an expert's opinion. Statistics

have long shown that large crowds of average people frequently make better predictions about unknown events, when their disparate guesses are averaged out, than any individual scholar — a phenomenon known as the wisdom of crowds.

Now the U.S. intelligence community, with the help of university researchers and regular folks around the country, is studying ways to harness and improve the wisdom of crowds. The research could one day arm policymakers with information gathered by some of the same methods that power Wikipedia and social media.

In a project that is part competition and part research study, George Mason University professors Charles Twardy and Kathryn Laskey are assembling a team on the Internet of more than 500 forecasters who make educated guesses about a series of world events, on everything from disease outbreaks to agricultural trends to political patterns.

They are competing with four other teams led by professors at several universities. Each differs in its approach, but all are studying how crowdsourcing can be used.

At stake is grant money provided by the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity, part of the

Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which heads up the nation's intelligence community.

Put simply, crowdsourcing occurs when a task is assigned to a wide audience rather than a specific expert or group of experts. The online encyclopedia Wikipedia is one of the most prominent examples — anyone can write or edit an entry. Over time, the crowds refine and improve the product. Crowdsourcing can range from a simple question blasted to a person's Twitter followers to amateur programmers fine-tuning open-source software.

IARPA spokeswoman Cherreka Montgomery said her project's goal is to develop methods to refine and improve on crowdsourcing in a way that would be useful to intelligence analysts.

"It's all about strengthening the capabilities of our intelligence analysts," Montgomery said.

And if analysts can use crowdsourcing to better determine the likelihood of seemingly unpredictable world events, those analysts can help policymakers be prepared and develop smarter responses. In a hypothetical example, a crowd-powered prediction about the breakout of popular uprisings in the Middle East could influence what goes in a dossier given to decision-makers at the

highest levels.

The program at George Mason is called DAGGRE, short for Decomposition-based Aggregation. The researchers have used blog postings, Twitter and other means to get the word out about their project to potential participants. No specialized background is required, though a college degree is preferred.

The project seeks to break down various world events into their component parts. The stability of Kim Jong Il's regime in North Korea provides an example. One forecaster might base his prediction based solely on political factors. But what if the political experts could be guided by health experts, who might observe that Kim's medical condition is flagging?

The DAGGRE participants key their answers into forms on the project's website, and also supply information at the outset about their education and what areas they have expertise in. The scholars overseeing the project will then seek to break down the variables that influence a forecaster's prediction, and use the data in a way that people with disparate knowledge bases can help guide each other to the most accurate forecast.

Military and intelligence researchers have long studied ways to improve the ability to predict the future. In 2003, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency launched research to see whether a terrorist attack could be predicted by allowing speculative trading in a financial market, in which people would make money on a futures contract if they bet on a terrorist attack occurring within a designated time frame. □

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Streisand and others honored; Davis has baby news

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nine women were honored at the annual Women in Hollywood event, yet two ladies in particular stole the show. Viola Davis surprised her fellow honorees and an audience of Hollywood insiders Monday night by announcing she had adopted a baby girl.

And Barbra Streisand was repeatedly credited by fellow honorees such as Michelle Pfeiffer, Evan Rachel Wood, Freida Pinto, Naomi Watts and Davis for being the inspiration for their success.

It was a love fest that continued throughout the evening at the 18th annual celebration of the industry's leading ladies sponsored by Elle magazine at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Jennifer Aniston told the 69-year-old Streisand that she loved her, and Pinto said onstage that "sharing the same oxygen" as Streisand was an incredible birthday gift. The actress turns 27 Tuesday.

"You're a legend not only in Hollywood but literally all over the world," the "Slumdog Millionaire" star told Streisand. "I can say that because I come from In-

dia."

She said Streisand's song "Putting it Together" is "like a reality check that every girl that wants to get into this big entertainment industry needs to listen to."

"That was a truly inspirational song,

so thank you so much for that," Pinto said.

Oscar-winning director Kathryn Bigelow introduced Streisand as "a world icon" and "somebody who has mastered virtually every art form imaginable: directing, acting, composing, singing, producing, writing."

Streisand returned the love in kind, congratulating her fellow honorees, which also included actress Elizabeth Olsen and DreamWorks Studios chief Stacey Snider. "They're all so charming, so well spoken, and so thin," Streisand said, adding, "I ate the chocolate cake." (Also on the menu: Alaskan halibut and a roasted peach salad.)

Streisand said that only seven percent of the top 250 films were directed by women and she urged her colleagues to be fearless about moving forward in the entertainment industry. "Let's be bold and don't wait for the phone to ring," she said. "Create your own material. Tell me a story." The love didn't stop with



Barbra Streisand, right, and James Brolin arrive at the 18th Annual ELLE Women in Hollywood celebration in Beverly Hills, Calif., Monday, Oct. 17, 2011. The dinner celebrates women's achievements in film.

Associated Press

Streisand. Olsen said Pfeiffer inspired her to become an actress, and Reese Witherspoon said Aniston had "sex appeal and complete lovability."

"You just want to get your nails done with her and you want to make out with her at the same time. At least I do," Witherspoon said. "And that's what we do

sometimes on Saturdays." "The Help" co-star Octavia Spencer traded "I love you" with Davis, and broke the news that Davis was a new mom with her husband, actor Julius Tennon. Davis thanked her husband and "my new baby new baby, Genesis, who really is a genesis, a beginning, a birth in me." □

Prosecutor to call for jail time for Lohan

By ANTHONY MCCARTNEY

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A city prosecutor will ask a judge to find Lindsay Lohan in violation of her probation and order her to spend time in jail, a city attorney's spokesman said Tuesday.

The move is based on the actress' most recent probation report that states she was terminated from a women's shelter where a judge wanted her to serve most of her community service, city attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan said.

Mateljan said Deputy City Attorney Melanie Chavira would recommend at a hearing Wednesday that Lohan be sentenced to jail if the judge agrees she violated her probation in a 2007 drunken driving case and a misdemeanor theft case earlier this year.

Lohan is due to appear in a courtroom to update Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner on her progress. The judge in April sentenced her to serve 480 hours of community service, most of which she said should be served at the Downtown Women's Center.

Mateljan said he had not personally reviewed the probation report and did not know why Lohan was booted from serving at the center.



In this Sept. 23, 2011 file photo, actress Lindsay Lohan poses at the Amfar charity event, part of the Fashion Week in Milan, Italy.

Associated Press

"We feel that her being terminated from it is a violation," Mateljan said.

Lohan's spokesman Steve Honig declined comment beyond noting that it will be up to Sautner to decide if Lohan has violated the terms of her release.

He said Lohan has been doing community service daily at the American Red Cross for several days, and that she has also been working to complete two other aspects of her probation — completing a Shoplifters Anonymous course and undergoing psychological counseling. □

Amazon sued in Seattle over revealing actress' age

SEATTLE (AP) — An actress is suing Amazon.com in federal court in Seattle for more than \$1 million for revealing her age on its Internet Movie Database website and refusing to remove the reference when asked. The actress is not named in the lawsuit filed Thursday that refers to her as Jane Doe. It says she lives in Texas and is of Asian descent and has an Americanized stage name. The lawsuit accuses IMDb of misusing her personal information after she signed up for the industry insider IMDbPro service in 2008. Shortly there-

after, she noticed her legal date of birth had been added to her public acting profile. She requested that it be removed and IMDb refused, the lawsuit says.

"If one is perceived to be 'over-the-hill,' i.e., approaching 40, it is nearly impossible for an up-and-coming actress, such as the plaintiff, to get work as she is thought to have less of an 'upside,' therefore, casting directors, producers, directors, agents-manager, etc. do not give her the same opportunities, regardless of her appearance or talent," the lawsuit states.

While she loses opportunities because of her age, she's also missing work because of her youthful appearance, the lawsuit says. "Plaintiff has experience rejection in the industry for each '40-year-old' role for which she has interviewed because she does not and cannot physically portray the role of a 40-year-old woman," the lawsuit says. The online retailer and its movie database subsidiary, both based in Seattle, are accused of breach of contract, fraud, and violation of privacy and consumer protection laws. □

Some sales from Bieber's new CD to go to charity

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Bieber is in the holiday spirit: The singer says he's the first artist on the Universal Music roster to have part of his album sales benefit charity. Partial sales from "Under the Mistletoe," his Christmas album that is out Nov. 1, will go to various charities, including Pencils of Promise and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Universal never actually allowed money from the album to go to charity, so it's kind of a unique thing and I'm very happy and proud of what we've done," the 17-year-old said in an interview from Lima,



Singer Justin Bieber performs during his My World Tour concert at the National Stadium in Lima, Peru, Monday, Oct. 17, 2011.
Associated Press

Peru, on Monday.

Universal Music Group is the parent company to

labels like Interscope Records and Island Def Jam Music Group, where Bieber

is signed to. Universal is also the home to acts like Eminem, Rihanna, Kanye West and Lady Gaga.

Bieber said he isn't sure how much of the sales will go to charity, but thanks his team for helping him achieve his goal of wanting to help others during the holiday season. "I tell them basically what I want and they kind of go and help me get it done," said Bieber, who will also donate money to various food banks. "Under the Mistletoe" features collaborations with Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men, among others. He said he wanted to "work with people who had great experiences with Christmas albums."

"They were all great people and fun to be around," said the Canadian-born entertainer, who appears on a "super festive" version of Carey's classic song "All I Want for Christmas."

Chris Brown co-wrote and co-produced the song "Christmas Eve," which Bieber says "all the ladies

will like." And there are also tunes featuring Usher and the country trio the Band Perry.

"They've been really successful and great in the country world, so I wanted to get them on my Christmas album and cross some barriers and try to get some different audience members to listen to my music," he said.

Bieber, who also raps on the Busta Rhymes-assisted "Drummer Boy," said he enjoys performing different styles of music.

"I guess I can be pretty versatile — being able to do country music and put out a record of me rapping on the Internet," he said. "I just think that with the Internet, not a lot of artists can be taken seriously if they try to change lanes and so I made it kind of apparent at first that I love to do everything and people kind of take me seriously when I switch over, so I'm really lucky to be able to have that." □

Nile Rodgers goes beyond the disco in 'Le Freak'

MICHAEL ASTOR

Associated Press

"Le Freak: An Upside Down Story of Family, Disco, and Destiny" (Spiegel & Grau), by Nile Rodgers: Even people who have never heard of Nile Rodgers have probably heard his music. The chunka-chunka, funk guitar style he made popular with his band, Chic, was one of the trademarks of the disco era. And while Rodgers may not be a household name, songs he wrote with partner and bass player Bernard Edwards, including Sister Sledge's "We Are Family" and Diana Ross' "I'm Coming Out," certainly are.

What "Le Freak" — also the name of one of Chic's biggest songs — makes abundantly clear is that even without the impressive stream of hits, Rodgers' life story would still make for a wild, weird and wonderful read.

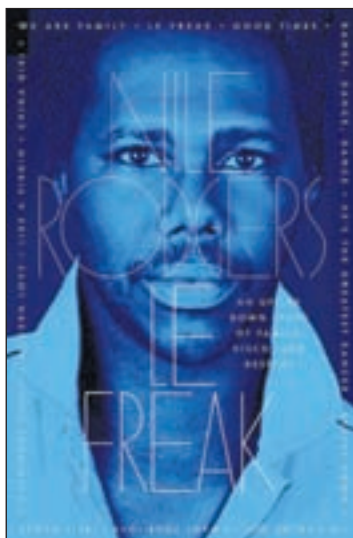
Rodgers grew up in New York's Greenwich Village with his hipster mother and her Jewish junky husband, Bobby, "whose natural sense of cool gave him a leg up on everybody else," at least until he quit his clothing store job to devote himself more fully to heroin. Rodgers' mother eventually succumbed to addiction and as the situation at home deteriorated, he

bounced around the city and then the country, flung off on relatives and whoever else might have him, getting a crash course in the countercultural currents stirring 1960s America along the way.

At an early age, he talks his biological father off the upper-story ledge of a Greenwich Village flophouse, learns to play guitar, trips with Timothy Leary, jams with Jimi Hendrix and bonds with a young Michael Jackson over Freak Brothers comics, just to name a few adventures. Rodgers eventually meets Edwards and the two form the nucleus of Chic, which brings them international success if not necessarily rock star recognition — something that irks him throughout the book.

It's surprising to learn how taken aback Rodgers is by the backlash against disco, but he makes a good point about how white rock artists not only enjoy more artistic freedom but also greater financial success.

So just as the embers of the disco inferno begin to die down in the 1980s, Rodgers becomes the go-to guy for white musicians looking for a "blacker," more danceable sound, producing hit records for David Bowie, Duran Duran and a host of others.



In this book cover image released by Spiegel & Grau, "Le Freak An Upside Down Story of Family, Disco and Destiny" by Nile Rodgers is shown.

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His biggest coup came when he produced Madonna's second album, "Like a Virgin," and the book offers a thrilling glimpse of the young superstar on the verge of mega-success.

Rodgers' writing — like some of his songs — can rely a little too heavily on clichés and border on corny, but he's also capable of dashing off some real gems, like when he nails the junk scene in his boyhood living room as "a twisted beatnik version of Ingmar Bergman's chess game with death: adults of every hue in suspended animation, waiting to move to the next square." □

Schwarzenegger back on movie set

LOS ANGELES (AP)

— Musclemann-turned-movie star-turned-California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is returning to the movies. He's on the New Mexico set of "The Last Stand," playing the starring role as a small town border sheriff.

The actor posted a message on his Twitter account late Monday saying, "Fantastic first day on the set of The Last Stand. Big thanks to the crew - keep up the great work."

The Lionsgate studio says Schwarzenegger plays a former Los Angeles police officer who ends up sheriff of a small border town after



In this June 21, 2011 file photo, former Gov. of California Arnold Schwarzenegger attends the Energy Forum 2011 in Vienna, Austria.
Associated Press

a botched operation.

The movie is a modern day Western about convicts making their way to the Mexico border through New Mexico after escaping from a Las Vegas prison.

"The Last Stand" is being directed by Kim Jee-Woon. □

We can all become job creators



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When last we left the chairman and chief executive of Starbucks, in mid-August, he had written a widely publicized email lamenting the poisonous state of our nation's politics. That led him to his first big idea: a call for a boycott of political contributions until Democrats and Republicans began to act in a nonpartisan way for the good of the country. The idea had undeniable appeal. But it was also – let's face it – pretty quixotic, fun to dream about but impossible to turn into reality. Here we are two months later, and Schultz is back with Big Idea No. 2. It is every bit as idealistic as his first big idea, but far more practical. Starbucks is going to create a mechanism that will allow us citizens to do what the government and the banks won't: lend money to small business.

This mechanism is scheduled to be rolled out Nov. 1. This time, Schultz is not tilting at windmills.

From the start, Schultz's crusade has been focused on the need for jobs, or, as he likes to say, "the jobs emergency." Should the government finance a sustained infrastructure program to create jobs? Of course. Should it give tax breaks to companies that hire the unemployed? Yes again. But with an election coming up, nothing of the sort is likely. With the government a nonfactor, Schultz began mulling other ideas. He knew that small business created most new jobs, but that many small businesspeople couldn't hire because they had lost access to credit after the financial crisis.

He thought about Starbucks' involvement in microlending programs in some of the countries where it bought coffee. He wondered if there was some way that that could be applied to small business lending in this country.

Finally, he thought about the nearly 7,000 Starbucks stores in the United States, and its tens of million of customers.

Surely, he mused, there must be some way to take advantage of Starbucks' sheer size. In late August, Schultz invited a handful of employees to his home.

He told them that they were not there to discuss Starbucks business. "Let's try to take a big swing at job creation that will be

unprecedented and unorthodox," he said. The meeting went well into the evening. Schultz served pizza. Here's the idea they came up with: Americans themselves would start lending to small business, with Starbucks serving as the middle man. Starbucks would find financial institutions willing to loan to small businesses. Starbucks customers would be able to donate money to the effort when they bought their coffee. Those who gave \$5 or more would get a red-white-and-blue wristband, which Schultz labeled "Indivisible." "We are hoping it will bring back pride in the American dream," he says. The tag line will read: "Americans Helping Americans." It didn't take long for Starbucks to find the perfect financial partner: Community Development Financial Institutions, or CDFIs. These are lenders, mostly under the radar, that specialize in underserved communities.

Most, but not all, CDFIs are nonprofit, and their loan default rates are extremely low. "We specialize in expending credit, getting paid back, and paying back our investors," says Mark Pinsky, whose organization, Opportunity Finance Network, acts as an umbrella group to the best of them.

Pinsky served on a board with a Starbucks executive. Schultz didn't know that – indeed, he said he had never heard of a CDFI. But the young Starbucks executives charged with turning the idea into a reality soon found Pinsky – and realized that his organization was tailor-made for their project.

Within a matter of days, he had met Schultz, and they had struck a deal. Starbucks and the Starbucks Foundation will pay for the marketing costs, the wristbands and every other cost associated with the new program – which will be called Create Jobs for USA – out of its own coffers. Here is the most beautiful part about the whole arrangement. The donations to Create Jobs for USA will not be loaned to the CDFIs.

They will be turned into capital – equity that can be leveraged. Pinsky and others told me that that equity can be leveraged 7-to-1, meaning that if 10 million Starbucks customers donate \$5, that will support \$350 million worth of lending. That's real money.

The Starbucks Foundation is starting things off with a \$5 million donation. Schultz is hoping to convince other national retail chains to participate as well – so that Starbucks isn't the only place people can join in the effort. And, of course, he is hoping that Starbucks customers will flock to it in droves. So am I.

With the government and banks unwilling or unable, it's time we took matters into our own hands. At this point, who else can we count on? □



Good news! No, really!



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Bored by the soggy sleep-ins and warmed-over anarchism of Occupy Wall Street? Fed up (Fed Up!) with the presidential Race to the Bottom? Depressed by the warning signs of the next Depression? I bring relief. Like Nurse Jackie scavenging in the medicine chest for stray painkillers, I have assembled some capsules of hope from places you probably haven't noticed lately, because the dominant news is so disheartening you can't bear to proceed beyond the front page. Admittedly some of these nuggets come from countries where you might not want to live. But I offer them as evidence that once in a while our sorry species gets something more or less right. Maybe we can extract a lesson, or a little encouragement. At the very least, we can remind ourselves – at a time when our own politicians are competing to be the most ardent champion of "American exceptionalism" – that we are not God's only gift to civilization. Let's start with Slovakia, the little country that is the less famous half of the former Czechoslovakia. Last week, though, plucky Slovakia was the last of 17 European countries to vote on a bailout plan intended to prop up the endangered economies of countries like Greece and Portugal while they curb their spendthrift ways. After 16 affirmatives, the fate of Europe came down to the Slovakian Parliament. And the Slovaks, prodled by a new opposition party that caters to the Facebook generation, said "NO." The naysayers challenged the idea that Slovaks,

who are themselves among the least affluent of Europeans, should pay to bail out profligate neighbors and the bankers who poured money into them. After the rejection, the government fell. And then a new, temporary coalition went to work and agreed to ratify the agreement after all. Slovakia thereby accomplished two things. By signaling that it was running out of patience, it struck more fear into the hearts of the world's bankers than the cumulative protests of Occupy Wall Street have done in a month of poster-waving. And then, the warning delivered, it regrouped and gave Europe one more chance, demonstrating an important level of maturity for a little country that not so long ago was a ward of the Soviet Union. "We are similar to Americans," a Slovak official told me. "We have fragmented domestic politics, but at the end of the day we get things done." I told him I was flattered to have my country compared to Slovakia, and he was right about the political fragmentation, but I wasn't so sure about the getting things done. On to Liberia. You may recall it as the West African country founded by freed American slaves, and famous for 25 years of madness involving child soldiers, blood diamonds, rape and mutilation, among other atrocities. Liberia is still a wreck of a country, dirt poor, illiterate and corrupt, but these days it has elections that are free, fair, consequential and respected.

On Tuesday, Liberia held an election in which the two top presidential candidates were both Harvard-educated – and not in the least ashamed of it! The incumbent, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a former World Bank economist and a new-fledged winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, would stand out as the most qualified candidate in many countries' elections, possibly including ours. Her main rival, Winston Tubman, also has degrees from Cambridge and the London School of Economics and a long

career in diplomacy. It's true that he brought in a soccer star as his running mate, but he's still regarded as a pretty solid guy. Of course, after former President Charles Taylor, who is in The Hague awaiting judgment on charges of committing crimes against humanity, the greatness bar is not high. There will be a runoff. Sirleaf tells voters that she's got things in hand, and Tubman should get in line. Or, as the campaign slogan puts it: "Monkey Still Working, Let Baboon Wait Small." Probably wouldn't work in Iowa. And finally Myanmar – aka Burma – a beautiful land oppressed for most of the past 50 years by one of the more eccentrically awful military juntas. I made the round of its splendors 25 years ago, and have never quite shaken the memory of a Burmese student who took us quietly aside to plead for attention to the country's miserable isolation. He drove home to this visitor that Burma's secession from the world may have created a museum for tourists, but it made a fearsome prison for the Burmese. For decades protests have met repression, elections have been stolen or nullified, and Western sanctions have encountered intransigence. Now there are signs of a thaw. The military regime installed a new parliamentary government six months ago, opened talks with the pro-democracy leader and Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, and last week it began to free some dissidents.

It's a long way from democracy, but it's a rare beam of hope in a place hungry for it. Yes, much of Southern Europe teeters on the edge of default, the Arab Spring shows signs of turning sour, even China's economy is slowing, Ukraine is backsliding into authoritarian rule, Iran is allegedly commissioning hit men in America and last week we learned that our Afghan allies have been engaged in the wholesale torture of prisoners. (Wherever could they have gotten THAT idea?) We have no end of countries behaving badly. □

Warm, welcoming, and meatless

Whenever I wanted to whip up a meatless meal for company, I'd fall back on the time-honored strategy of pouring in the cheese, eggs, butter and cream to make everything seem festive and satisfying.

Instead of adding bacon to a dish, I would blanket it in runny Gruyere. Or put dollops of fresh ricotta on pasta in place of meatballs. Then I met my husband, Daniel, who doesn't eat dairy products, and my occasional vegetarian meals often became vegan.

Surprisingly, the longer I have done without the cheese and cream, the less I've missed them – and the more creative and interesting those meals have become. That's especially true in early autumn. This is

pita, I serve this with homemade sesame-studded flatbreads that bring out the nutty tahini nuance of the hummus. A nearby platter of juicy-crisp vegetables – fennel, radishes, celery – can be dipped or separately nibbled, and provide a snappy counterbalance to all that oily richness.

It goes perfectly with a dish of crisp kale to nosh on, seasoned with lime and chile. Fall is also a perfect time for hearty, vegetable-based soups, especially tomato. Tomatoes tend to be mushy this time of year, just begging to be pureed into satiny sweetness.

To mimic the creaminess of many tomato soup recipes, I often blend softly stewed tomatoes with a grain, in this case, farro. It adds an



Tomato soup with farro and basil. There are savory recipes that don't require cheese or cream.

(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times)

the traditional harvest season, when a head-spinning number of gorgeous fruits and vegetables ripen all at once. It's when summer and fall converge; when the first tiny Brussels sprouts, orange and blue pumpkins and luscious pears meet the last of the juicy tomatoes and the season's final, florid peppers. Which means, it's the ideal time to give a dinner party without having to rely on meat or dairy to make the meal feel like a celebration. Instead, I like to wow my guests by frying feathery maitake mushrooms (also known as hen-of-the-woods) in olive oil until they are crunchy and brittle, and strewing them over a platter of creamy, coriander-spiked hummus. In lieu of the usual chips or

earthy flavor and plenty of body to make a tomato soup with bona fide stick-to-your ribs inclinations. Although I could easily make a meal of soup, homemade bread and hummus, most dinner parties demand some kind of centerpiece, a focal point to make people gather around and say "ooh."

A savory, olive oil-crust tart stuffed full of golden, roasted peppers, jammy onions and some freshly grated pumpkin fits the bill. I like to salt the pumpkin ahead of time to draw out excess moisture, although if you are pressed for time you can skip this step.



Roasted pears, which will be topped with butterscotch sauce and toasted coconut. There are savory recipes that don't require cheese or cream.

(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times)

or perhaps a good splash of lemon juice. No meal for company is complete without a special salad. Recently, I have become smitten with the powerfully bitter

flavor of dandelion greens. To mellow out their intensity, I've been tossing them in a dressing made from sweetly confited garlic and topped with crunchy crou-

tons. The whole concoction is vaguely reminiscent of a sweet-tempered Caesar with a funkier, spunkier foundation.

For dessert, most people are drawn to something luscious and creamy, albeit in this case without the actual cream. Coconut milk is an excellent substitute, especially when simmered into a thick, nearly candied butterscotch sauce to spoon over translucent, oven-roasted pears.

Finally, to round it all out, a few squares of bitter chocolate cut the sugar and provide a modest caffeine boost that stimulates conversation and helps your dinner party stretch long into the night. After all, isn't that why you invited your friends over in the first place? □

The tapas bar brought home

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In many cities in Spain, where much of life is lived in the street, tapas are a daily indulgence. Rather than invite friends over, you meet at a tapas bar, have a few drinks and nibble up a storm from an array of savory dishes. Your little group can wax and wane, as some peel off, stopping for tapas at a few more places. Depending on where you are, the offerings vary, but there's always a beguiling assortment. Among the cold plates are the world's best ham, and dozens of kinds of chorizo. There's the humble potato tortilla, boiled octopus, sheep's milk cheeses, sweet peppers and marinated mussels. Most bars serve hot tapas, too, some quite simple: A plate of sizzling mushrooms. Baby eels in hot oil. Garlicky shrimp in the shell, sprinkled with salt. Fried tiny squid. Salt cod croquetas. Later at night, perhaps a steaming cazuela de callos, the flavorful Iberian tripe stew. or casual entertaining, the tapas experience translates easily to the small home kitchen.



Tapas snacks with chilled wines set up by David Tanis, in Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 19, 2011. For casual at-home entertaining, you can't go wrong with tapas and chilled sherry or big Spanish red wines. (Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

You need only assemble a small spread and call a few friends. For authenticity, serve chilled fino sherry, cold beer or a big Spanish red. It's a no-frills stand-up affair. A delicious hot tapas classic easily made at home is called pinchos Morunos, or Moorish skewers – essentially small kebabs of pork marinated in Arabic (Moorish) spices and grilled, usually on a hot steel plancha. Because most Muslim Arabs wouldn't eat pork, one presumes the original dish was lamb. It's anyone's guess how it evolved into this ubiquitous tapa selection in Christian

Spain. Nevertheless, now it means pork seasoned with garlic, cumin, coriander, pimenton and sometimes oregano. Once skewered, they need only about five minutes on a hot griddle. These skewers are quite small, only two ounces per portion, and cut thin for quick cooking.

If you'd rather have a sit-down meal, there's no reason not to make them a bit bigger or even use skinny pork chops, and serve them with something hearty like a pot of well-seasoned garbanzos or sweet potatoes roasted in their skins. □